Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church
Special Session meeting
Sunday November 12th 2 pm.
North campus

Attending elders: Mark Beerends, Tim Benson, Sarah Brakke, Jeff Charis-Carlson, Dave DeGroot, Kathy Duys, Ann Ford, Margaret Heidger, Bethany Lagani, Bruce Walker, Jan Waterhouse

Excused Elders: Patti Benson, Ethan Goers, Cecilia Norris, Cindy Vonderhaar

Pastor: Kyle Otterbein

Moderator: Kitch Shatzer

A quorum was established.

Kitch opened with prayer at 2:00 p.m.

Agenda item: Matt Paul's request for Bruce Walker's legal representation.

Confidential supporting documents were supposed to be sent as e-mail attachments. They will now be sent to all elders as e-mail attachments.

Motion: That Session waive the conflict of Bruce's firm representing Matt. The vote against was unanimous, with Pastor Kyle and Bruce abstaining.   **MSF**

Discussion: The Presbytery of East Iowa and its Committee on Ministry will have to offer their approval for Matt to accept any new call from a church outside the presbytery. Matt contacted Bruce with concerns that the COM may not offer such approval and asked Bruce to represent him in any appeal process. Because of the conflicts inherent with his being a member of Session, Bruce decided against representing Matt personally, but he recommended two other lawyers — one who is a member of Bruce's firm and one with no ties to Bruce's firm. In voting down the motion, Session decided it would be better for Matt to employ representation without direct ties to St. Andrew. The Session did not want to give the appearance that it was taking sides in any potential conflict between Matt and the Presbytery.

Some session members, however, did raise concerns about the way in which COM has been characterizing Matt's six years at St. Andrew in various correspondence. The discussion of how best to discuss the matter with COM, however, was tabled until the regular scheduled Session meeting on Nov. 16.

Motion to adjourn at 2:55   **MSC**

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Ford, Clerk of Session   Kitch Shatzer, Moderator