

PRT Summary of Congregational Gatherings

The PRT held three Congregational Gatherings with the El Montecito Presbyterian Church. The Initial and Second Gatherings were held as described in the Gracious Dismissal Policy.

Initial Gathering – per first May 4, 2013 GDP, Lines 151-192; Current May 20, 2017, GDP, Lines 312-354. Held May 1, 2016, 3:00 p.m. Current membership: 235; requirement of 1/2 to be attending was 118; actual number attended was 138. Per May 4, 2013 GDP requirement of 2/3 (89) (or 3/4 per May 20, 2017 GDP required 103) attendees to vote in affirmative: 131 voted; 122 voted yes; 9 voted no, to continue in dismissal discernment process. There was no contesting. All required functions were completed.

Second Gathering – per May 20, 2017 GDP, Lines 356-406. Held November 5, 2017, 3:00 p.m. Current membership: 181; requirement of 1/2 (per Presbytery motion and vote, May 20, 2017) to be attending was 91; actual number attended was 113. Per requirement of 3/4 (85) of attendees to vote in affirmative: 113 voted; 110 voted yes; 3 voted no, in favor of the dismissal financial terms and to “be dismissed to another Reformed body....” There was no contesting from the congregation.

Third Gathering – PRT called for a Third Congregational Gathering to complete the GDP requirements to assure that the congregation understood all of the terms of the dismissal, including the full written documents, the Dismissal Agreement and the Reversionary Deed. PRT conducted this Third Congregational Gathering concurrent with the Second Gathering requirements per May 20, 2017 GDP, Lines 356-406. Held March 18, 2018, 1:00 p.m. (per motion at Presbytery February 10, 2018). Current membership: 180; requirement of 1/2 (per Presbytery motion and vote, February 10, 2018) to be attending was 90; actual number attended was 116. Per requirement of 3/4 (87) of attendees to vote in affirmative: 116 voted; 114 voted yes; 2 voted no, in favor of all final terms in Dismissal Agreement and Reversionary Deed. There was no contesting from the congregation.