

New Hope Presbyterian Church, Franklin – Administrative Commission

The Committee on Ministry, at the request of the New Hope Presbyterian Church, Franklin, TN, recommends that the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee create an administrative commission for the dissolution of its congregation.

A. The Committee on Ministry recommends that the administrative commission be charged as follows:

(1) Assume original jurisdiction, with the full powers of the session.

(2) The administrative commission shall:

- a. assist members to wind up the affairs of the church, and transfer its remaining members. The Stated Clerk shall be authorized to grant letters of dismissal to members whose names are still on the roll for up to one year after the closing worship service; and
- b. plan, in consultation with the members of New Hope Presbyterian Church, Franklin, a closing worship service, to honor the life, ministry, and witness of the church.

(3) The administrative commission shall receive the records of the session, including, but not limited to, all session minutes, the church's roll / register, all minutes of congregational meetings, all minutes of the Board of Deacons, and any other legal and financial records. These records will be deposited with the Stated Clerk of presbytery, who shall transmit them to the Presbyterian Historical Society.

(4) Under Form of Government, Chapter IV, G-4.02, all property of New Hope Presbyterian Church, Franklin, Tennessee, is held in trust for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The administrative commission appointed by the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, on October 14, 2021, is authorized to take possession of all real and personal property, financial records, inventories of equipment, and any other assets, and arrange for transfer of title to the Presbytery of all accounts and real property known to be in possession of New Hope Presbyterian Church, Franklin.

(5) The administrative commission shall consult with the session of New Hope Presbyterian Church, Franklin, regarding requests the congregation may have related to the disposition of equipment and memorials and other property of the church.

B. The Trustees of presbytery shall have claim, on behalf of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, to any property of New Hope Presbyterian Church, Franklin not known at this time or property which may come to New Hope Presbyterian Church, Franklin as the beneficiary of a will or trust not known at this time.

C. The commission shall confer with the Trustees of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee regarding the disposal of the property of New Hope Presbyterian Church, Franklin. The Trustees of presbytery shall be responsible for the property, until such time as presbytery approves the disposition of the property. The administrative commission shall make a recommendation to the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, in consultation with the Trustees of presbytery, for the sale of the property of New Hope Presbyterian Church, Franklin.

D. The commission will report to the Committee on Ministry at least every three months.

The COM recommends the following be elected as members of the administrative commission for New Hope Presbyterian Church, Franklin:

TE Sally Hughes, Nashville, Trinity

TE C. J. Thompson, Manchester, First

RE Anne Parsons, Franklin, First

RE Earl Davis, Franklin, Historic Franklin