

## **PRESBYTERY OF RIVERSIDE**

February 11<sup>th</sup> 2012

Stated Meeting at 1<sup>st</sup> PC San Bernardino

### **Administrative Commission for First Presbyterian Church (New Beginnings) Fontana Progress Report**

On November 10, 2009, the Administrative Commission for Shalom and the First Presbyterian Church of Fontana was constituted and charged with the following powers:

To work with the Shalom Presbyterian Church on the details of their desire to leave the PCUSA according to the Annotated Book of Order G-11.0103i, which provides guidance, and according to PCUSA Office of the General Assembly Constitutional Musing1, Dissolution of a Congregation, which provides additional guidance. **Completed with dissolution of the Shalom Congregation March 26, 2010.**

1. To work with the Committee on Ministry concerning the pastor of Shalom Church, who desires to remain a member of the PCUSA. **Completed when the Rev. Park's membership was reinstated in Hanmi Presbytery.**
2. To work with the Committee on Ministry and Congregational Nurture Team in assisting any remnant that remains of the Shalom Presbyterian Church. **Completed as there appeared to be no members interested in remaining members of the PCUSA.**
3. To work with the Committee on Ministry and Congregational Nurture Team in assisting the First Presbyterian Church of Fontana in determining its future ministry without the possibility of merger. **Completed with the adoption of the Plan for Ministry at the June 2010 Presbytery meeting and the arrival of designated pastor Bruce Myers in May 2011.**

Presbytery **VOTED at its meeting of November 13, 2010 to give the following additional powers to the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church of Fontana:**

1. Coach and train the Session with a particular emphasis on implementing the Plan for Ministry adopted by the Presbytery at its June 8, 2010 meeting by providing four members of the Administrative Commission to meet with the Session each month for one year or until an evaluation conducted by the AC indicates that the goals for the first year of the Plan for Ministry have been accomplished. **At least one member of the Commission attended Session meetings through September, 2011.**
2. Work in partnership with the Treasurer of the Fontana First Presbyterian Church on all financial transactions for one year or until financial transactions are routinely carried out according to generally accepted financial practices. **Completed. Members of the Commission worked with the church financial group to assess current finances, develop a financial system with appropriate checks and balances, and maintain an accounting system that complies with generally accepted financial practices. A 2012 budget will be presented in February.**

3. Support the designated pastor by providing a coach from the Administrative Commission who will meet weekly with the designated pastor. **Until he resigned from the Commission, the Commission Chairperson met with the designated pastor regularly. The Executive Presbyter continues to meet with the designated pastor to offer advise and discuss progress. The designated pastor feels that he has adequate coaching support.**

Presbytery **VOTED at its meeting of September 10, 2011 to give the following additional powers to the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church of Fontana:**

1. To work with the Session and pastor of the New Beginnings congregation to develop and encourage participation in evangelism and mission efforts.
2. Assist the Session and Pastor in exploring ways to welcome and orient new members of diverse backgrounds.
3. To encourage the support of the Presbytery through praying for the ministry, making financial contributions, and providing specialized training.

**The Administrative Commission envisioned setting up of evangelism teams of interested members from other churches in the Presbytery. These teams would join with members of the New Beginnings Church to explore ways to reach out into the neighborhood to bring the Good News to the unchurched. Unfortunately, few people volunteered and all but one member of the Commission resigned. On a positive note, the newly formed Mission, Evangelism and Advocacy Committee has taken on support of the New Beginnings Church and mission. The MEAC should be able to fulfill the functions and challenges that were initially assigned to the Commission. Therefore, the Commission is no longer able to provide the functions it was originally designed to manage and should be dissolved.**

**February 2, 2012**