

Move to amend the responsibilities and authorities to the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church of Bushnell as follows by removing the strikeout and adding what is in italics and red.

Move to form an Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church of Bushnell

1. To assist in finalizing a *any* plan for a Joint Congregational Witness that conforms with (G-5.05).
2. To exercise the Presbytery's authority to approve "control the location of new congregations and of congregations desiring to move as well as to divide, dismiss, or dissolve the congregation in consultation with their members;" (G-3.0303b) and to approve a shared ministry agreement with another congregation.
3. To have Presbytery authority in forming a union or federated congregation. (G-3.0109 b. 4)
4. To report its work and all actions to the Presbytery for ratification.
5. To have Presbytery authority in executing the *any* plan.
6. To assist the congregation in discerning its' future if this plan for Joint Congregational Witness does not go through.
7. *To have Presbytery authority in any sale of buildings working with PGR Admin Team in the standard practice.*
8. *To work with the session/congregation in providing pastoral leadership.*

*Original* Background Information:

1. Conversations with the Methodist congregation began in November, 2021.
2. Both Methodist and Presbyterian congregations' leadership has approved the movement to a "Joint Congregational Witness"
3. The Methodist District Superintendent has approved the Joint Witness.
4. The pastor at the Methodist Church is willing to be pastor for the Joint Witness and both leadership groups have approved having him serve the Joint Congregation.
5. The congregation of First Presbyterian has approved the movement to a Joint witness with the Methodist.
6. The Methodist Congregation votes the third week of February.
7. Complicating working out an agreement is the likely split in the Methodist denomination.
8. An administrative commission can move more quickly than the Presbytery in establishing a union/federated congregation.

*New Background Information*

- 1. The process of becoming a federated/union church with the UMC congregation has stalled.*
- 2. There is increased anxiousness in the congregation concerning continued ministry and pastoral leadership.*
- 3. There are great concerns with the viability of maintaining two buildings and therefore a desire to explore selling one of the buildings. The timing of building sales does not conform with Assembly meetings. PGR Admin Team would still follow their standard practice for any church property sale. The Administrative Commission would have Presbytery authority in that process.*