

From: Grace Church Provisional Session and Presbytery's (GRP) Administrative Commission of Rock Island (AC)

To: Grace Church Congregation

Subject: AC Update Concerning the Rock Island consolidation

Date 8/14/2022

1. Ecclesiastically, Grace Church, PC (USA) was formed on June 1, 2022, and the four, predecessor congregations ceased to exist as churches. That being said, until bills and sales are fully completed from the predecessor churches, their trustees and their property committees will continue to meet and transact civil business until Grace is legally established and functioning on its own.
2. The Grace Session has worked diligently to set the direction for the future of the church. They have finalized the mission statement: God's servants embodying Christ's love and grace. By-Laws have been approved, and they continuing working on the ongoing vision for the congregation.
3. The Session is working with attorneys to become a recognized corporation in the state of Illinois. All necessary paperwork has been submitted. This is a necessary step in being recognized as a church in the state and to receive tax-exempt status. These steps will be necessary before opening a bank account.
4. The Session is working on a structure which supports the mission of the church. At the moment, the following teams are a part of that structure, with more to follow: Finance, Care/Deacons, Property, Nomination, Missions, Personnel /Administration Communications, Worship, and Discipleship.
5. COM will continue to support the congregation through its formation, including the transition to the next pastor. COM's ministry partner to Grace, Rev. Brandon Ouellette, has been walking with the congregation for over a year as the predecessor congregations undertook unification talks and is highly familiar with our situation. His support to the Session during this next transition will be welcomed. While he is on maternity leave Laura Reason Moderator of COM has been acting in his place.
6. Property Updates: The Gloria Dei sale has closed. The Broadway sale is finalized and will close soon. After much negotiation South Park has sold. Closing took place on July 20, 2022. The cash deal was as is with no inspections.
7. Although officially Grace was formed on June 1, 2022 the formal ceremony in the theologically process will take place in the November Assembly **at Grace.**
8. At the August Assembly the AC will make two motions, one to officially dissolve all four churches, and the second to officially organize Grace Church PCUSA as a member of Great Rivers Presbytery. After the motions are processed the AC will lead a short formal ceremony for the dissolution with the plans to have participation of the Assembly as a whole.
9. We recognize the importance of communication and are striving to better update the congregation and Presbytery on a regular basis. Look for information in the monthly newsletter, from the announcements during worship.