

## **REASONS FOR DISMISSAL**

- We don't want our Church to change. We want to continue to celebrate our traditional beliefs and values, worshipping Jesus Christ as our risen Lord and Savior.
- We want to continue, as we have in the past, to turn to the Bible as "our only rule for faith and life".
- We do not wish for our Church to be changed by the voice of the world around us. We wish for our church to be a voice for change in the world around us.
- We believe that dismissal from PC (USA) is the best way to hold our Church family together.
- The Presbyterian Mission Agency Board, one of the last admirable components of the denomination, has recently been rocked by scandal as a result of the mishandling of funds entrusted to its care.
- The effect of over-bloated bureaucracy, combined with the loss of revenues due to the exodus of significant congregations to other denominations of the Presbyterian church in recent years has brought into question the ongoing financial viability of the PC (USA). The financial stability of our local Presbytery of the Grand Canyon is, likewise, questionable. The effect of the financial failure of either might have an adverse effect on the future of our own Church.
- Membership in the denomination is in a free-fall, which shows no sign of abating.
- The bad press which has surrounded the overall theological direction of the denomination in recent years has rendered membership in the PC (USA) as a substantial liability in attracting new members of our Church.