

REASONS TO AFFILIATE WITH ECO

- We could become part of ECO without changing one thing in our church life. ECO strongly supports the Bible as the only source for Christian doctrine. The ECO “Essential Tenets” are clear and are compatible with those we have historically embraced at FHPC.
- We could continue to be the church we have become without fear of denominational interference. ECO exists “to serve the local church and reclaim a sense of covenanted biblical community”. They place great emphasis on nurturing a high level of autonomy in the ministry and mission of its member churches.
- ECO provides a healthy support system in which local church leaders meet on a regular basis to share ideas and hold one another accountable.
- As many as seven other Valley churches have been dismissed or are presently seeking dismissal from PC (USA), and are likely to become our partners in a new ECO Presbytery formed to support us.
- Since 2012, more than 200 churches have affiliated with ECO, and they are equipped to accept us and our Pastors into the denomination with a relatively seamless transition.
- We would own our Church property and never have to worry again about a Presbytery holding our title hostage.
- Women and men are equally ordained into leadership positions.
- Per capita would drop from \$40/person to 1% of the church budget. (ECO does not have a large institutional infrastructure or administrative bureaucracy.....they believe in churches governing themselves.)
- Each individual can choose where their individual mission money will go.
- Ordaining Pastor Ken Brown would be faster and less restrictive.