

PC(USA) (65 survey responses) or the smaller group wanting to remain part of the PC(USA) (21 survey responses) represents a viable congregation, capable of maintaining the Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church property.

It was agreed at the meeting with Session on May 31, 2016 that the AC would make a concerted effort to contact the 130-or-so members at Fountain Hills who have not yet participated in the small-group process. The AC will send a letter to these members asking for their response to the single question of whether they are in favor of dismissal from the PC(USA). A stamped return envelope (to the office of the Presbytery of Grand Canyon) will be included in each mailing. The hope is that by the end of June 2016, the AC has received all possible responses from the Fountain Hills congregation and can then move into discussion of whether dismissal is the correct path.

The AC strongly recommends that the Session of Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church recognize the conflicts and divisions within the congregation and enter into an intentional season of reflection, reconciliation and healing. The AC believes that the Fountain Hills congregation needs to find ways to respect differences within the congregation, and that a spirit of grace needs to be widely experienced. Furthermore, the AC strongly recommends that the Session of Fountain Hills bring in qualified outside resources to facilitate this process.

The AC continues to pray for the congregation at Fountain Hill.

In Christ's service,

The Administrative Commission for Fountain Hills Presbyterian Church: Cecil Patterson, Lawn Griffiths, Mary Danforth, the Rev. John Poling, and George Prohaska (Moderator)
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