

21 June 2014

Dear Members and Friends of CPC –

Over the past several months we have engaged in a conversation with our church family regarding overtures being considered by our denomination that would redefine marriage, an issue that was addressed during the 221st Biennial General Assembly (GA) meeting of the Presbyterian Church USA. Through our sermon series, correspondence, a growth group and town hall meetings we have emphasized that our commitment is to focus on the wellbeing of our church family and our unwavering fidelity to the word of God.

This past week the GA passed overture 21 (see the following link for further information <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/ga221/>), “Earlier today, the 221st General Assembly (2014) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) approved a recommendation from its Assembly Committee on Civil Union and Marriage Issues allowing for pastoral discretion to perform “any such marriage they believe the Holy Spirit calls them to perform,” where legal by state law.

They also approved a recommendation to change language in the Book of Order to indicate that “marriage involves a unique commitment between two people, traditionally a man and a woman.”

As your Elders we have set aside our next stated Session meeting on 15 July 2014 to address this matter, and determine to what extent, if any, this decision impacts our church family and to begin the process of determining our next course of action. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter please do not hesitate to let us know by sending us a note at clerk@centrevillepres.com. In the interim we ask for your continued prayers as we seek to determine God’s purpose for our church family and ministry.

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