

January 28, 2018 Denominational Disaffiliation Update

1. November 14, 2017:

NCP votes to dismiss CPC to ECO, pending completion of seven items (including the finalization of the disaffiliation agreement).

2. Two important items to be finalized in the disaffiliation agreement:

a. How are future conflicts to be handled?

i. NCP has proposed by the courts

ii. CPC has proposed by Christian arbitration

CPC is awaiting word from NCP as to whether or not the latter will agree to Christian arbitration instead of the courts

b. The payment option that CPC will select:

i. One-time lump sum payment of \$833,272

ii. Equal quarterly payments over a seven year period which will total \$950,000

CPC has until February 28, 2018 before it must inform NCP of the payment option that it will select.

If it selects the one-lump sum payment option, CPC has until April 28, 2018 to make that payment to NCP.

3. Cindy Roberts and Heidi Tucker, the two CPC business managers, continue to talk with banks concerning both payment options.

4. So far, banks have indicated that they are unwilling to loan CPC any more money, due to the loan ratios that banks use in determining whether or not a candidate is an acceptable risk for a loan.

5. NCP is requiring that the \$950,000 payment option be secured in some fashion; the original way envisioned by NCP for this was via a second lien on the church building.

6. So far, banks have indicated that they are unwilling to permit a second lien to be placed on the church building.

7. Back in late 2017, the Session formed a Stewardship Task Force, whose charter was to investigate ways of raising funds for both the capital reserves and the disaffiliation payment to NCP.
8. In December 2017, the Stewardship Task Force recommended that the Session contract with the Giving Church (<http://thegivingchurch.com/>), to design a generosity campaign to address our financial needs.
9. In February 2018, the Giving Church will meet with Pastor Rob and other church leaders to discuss a plan for our generosity campaign.
10. Unless something unforeseen occurs, the Session will request that the NCP accept the generosity plan of the Giving Church as adequate security for the \$950,000 payment option.
11. Please pray that the NCP will accept the generosity plan of the Giving Church as adequate security for the \$950,000 payment option!
12. Also please be encouraged no matter what is happening in this process! God has led us to leave the PC(USA) and join ECO, and the challenges that we are encountering with the two payment options is in no way indicating that He has changed His mind! John Nixon's comparison of our situation with the NCP with that of Moses & Aaron before Pharaoh was more on target than any of us might have realized; no matter what roadblocks we encounter, we are to be obedient to God, and it is His responsibility to remove those roadblocks.
13. The Session recognizes that most of our attention up to now has been on leaving the PC(USA); we now need to shift the focus of most of our attention on joining ECO. Six members of the Staff and two members of the Session attended the 2018 ECO National Gathering last week in Houston, Texas, and all eight of us agree that it was a wonderful time of worship, fellowship, and instruction as we got to see firsthand how ECO operates as a denomination. God has amazing plans for CPC, and we look forward to the day when we will be part of ECO!