



December 21, 2015

Session of Rose Hill Presbyterian Church
12202 NE 90th St
Kirkland, WA 98033

Grace to you, and peace, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

This letter is Seattle Presbytery's Administrative Commission on Separations proposal to you for your requested dismissal to Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians. This proposal comes after considerable prayer, conversation, and then more prayer. In making this proposal the AC seeks to faithfully implement the principles of the presbytery's Gracious Separation policy: relationship and unity, respect and grace, consistency, pastoral responsibility, and strengthening vital ministries. The AC seeks to be fair to both your congregation and to the congregations of Seattle Presbytery.

Separation Principles/Assumptions:

A conclusion that the congregation is viable and the session is willing and able to wisely manage its affairs and proper use of the Communal Discernment and Gracious Separation policy are prerequisites to any Separation agreement.

Separation agreements encompass two parts: per capita at some level to support presbytery operations, and recognition of the trust clause obligation of the presbytery.

Separation agreement payments will begin in February 2016.

- The level of payment to presbytery is frozen at 2015 levels so as not to increase the current burden on the congregation. The 2015 level reflects a total per capita rate of \$40, the presbytery per capita is \$31.38, payable based on 282 members.
- As a condition of separation, your congregation will be current on 2015 per capita at the end of 2015: presbytery, synod, General Assembly.
- Any delinquent per capita from the previous two years (2013 and 2014) will be incorporated into the separation agreement. Our understanding is that there is no delinquent per capita amount currently.

- Trust clause obligation in this case is 1.5% of the 2015 assessed value. The total assessed value we are aware of is \$2,662,800.
- Separation payments begin in February 2016 and are comprised of three years of full presbytery per capita (\$8849.16 x 3=\$26,547.48 total) plus remainder to meet the trust clause obligation until total trust clause obligation fulfilled. If Rose Hill's session chooses to become an affiliate member of presbytery, the per capita portion of the separation payment will be half of the amount set out above, and the affiliate per capita payment is an equal amount.
- For affiliate members, once trust clause obligation is met then only affiliate per capita remains. (\$15.19 currently, or ½ full presbytery per capita of \$31.38)
- Congregations separating can suggest but not designate how the trust clause funds will be used in support of the presbytery's mission. Seattle Presbytery will make determinations on the use of trust clause obligation monies in support of presbytery mission.
- Any outstanding loans must be refinanced or retired so as to remove the Presbytery of Seattle, the Synod of Alaska-Northwest, or any General Assembly entity as a guarantor of the loans. This must be accomplished by January 31, 2016; the presbytery cannot dismiss the congregation to another denomination until all loan issues are resolved. Our current understanding is there are no outstanding loans.
- Any legal fees incurred by the Presbytery will be paid by Rose Hill.

The total financial separation amount for Rose Hill is as follows:

Per Capita (3 yrs)	26,547.48 (282 x 31.38 x 3)
Trust Clause Obligation	39,942.00 (2,662,800 x .015)
Total	\$ 66,489.48

Attached is spreadsheet that shows how the separation payment can be made over time. This could also be paid in one lump sum if desired. The legal fees are in addition to this amount but are not large at this time.

If you agree to this proposal, or wish to discuss it further, please contact any of the AC team members. We would like to present the separation agreements to the presbytery at its January 19, 2016 meeting, at which time the presbytery will approve or disapprove the proposals. We are grateful for the Spirit-filled, honest and forthright way that these separation conversations have taken place over recent months and for the forthcoming way Rose Hill provided information requested.

The Administrative Commission gives thanks to God for you and for the fruitful and faithful ministry of your congregation. We truly grieve your leaving us, but know that your ministry will continue in another part of the Body of Christ—and we celebrate that. And we look forward to exploring new ways of doing mission and ministry together in the coming years.

Your brothers and sisters in Christ,
 Elder Steve Aeschbacher
 Rev. Jeff Lincicome
 Elder Neil Bolkcom

Staff: Karen Breckenridge, Stated Clerk

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2015 Per Capita	31.38	
Membership (2014 reported)	282	
Delinquent Per Capita (2011 - 2013)	0	
Future Per Capita	8849.16/yr	
2015 Assessed Value	2,662,800.00	
Trust Clause obligation	39,942.00	1.50%
Proposed Annual payment, 2016-18	\$22,163.16	