Voluntary Withdrawal Flowchart

Session notifies presbytery of Voluntary Withdrawal consideration.

Presbytery appoints committee to help Session/congregation and contacts Commission on Assets about possible dissolution.

Committee-Session-congregation explore options. Presbytery Committee reports outcome to presbytery.

If there is a will to continue with the process, presbytery cites congregation to meeting to discuss Voluntary Withdrawal.

Presbytery Committee facilitates a first congregational meeting.

If there is sufficient support for Voluntary Withdrawal, a second meeting may be planned. Presbytery Committee reports to presbytery. If there is not sufficient support for Voluntary Withdrawal, procedures stop.

Presbytery Committee facilitates a second congregational meeting at least six months later.

If there is sufficient support for Voluntary Withdrawal, the congregation is considered a "departing fellowship." If there is not sufficient support for Voluntary Withdrawal, procedures stop.

Presbytery notifies Commission on Assets regarding congregation's decision to depart and presbytery's decision to dissolve the congregation.

