

Voluntary Withdrawal Procedures for Congregations of The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Procedures for congregations wishing to depart from The Presbyterian Church in Canada on a voluntary withdrawal basis and retain a stipulated portion of assets, were adopted by the 2022 General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. (A&P 2022, p. 80-93, 36).

The Clerks of Assembly have adapted the report of the Voluntary Withdrawal Committee, omitting those portions of the report that do not need to be included in the procedures themselves. To harmonize terminology, remove ambiguity and clarify procedural sequence, some of the steps as outlined in the report to Assembly have been slightly amended or rearranged. The Clerks of Assembly have made every effort to ensure the substance of the report, its procedures and the appendices, remain unchanged.

Clerks of Presbytery have been consulted and this document reflects that input. We understand that there may be additional questions and concerns and so we encourage contacting the Clerks of Assembly as necessary.

It remains our profound hope that the freedoms and accommodations of Remits B and C, 2019 will allow forbearance of disagreements and that we will continue to find ways to worship, witness and serve together in the peace and unity of Christ within the fellowship of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

With gratitude for our shared ministry in Christ,

Victor Kim and Don Muir,

The Clerks of Assembly

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