



ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION REPORT Calvary Presbyterian Church | Coconut Creek

At the November 15, 2021, Presbytery Assembly an Administrative Commission (AC) was established to oversee Calvary Presbyterian Church. On November 30, 2021, Barbara Hassall, PTF Moderator, appointed the following five people to the Calvary AC:

- TE Paul Bayerl - Hobe Sound PC
- RE Debi Davis - First Fort Lauderdale
- TE Fred Depenbrock - PTF HR
- RE Barbara Hollowell - First Fort Lauderdale
- TE David Massey – Plantation PC

On December 7, 2021, GPSC Daris Bultena informed the Calvary session of the appointment of the AC members via email to their moderator, Geoffrey McLean, who forwarded the email to the session members.

The Session held a called meeting November 8, 2021, with AC. The purpose of this meeting was to allow the Session to have a hearing prior to any action of the AC. An ample amount of time was given for the Session to ask question and voice concerns. That meeting was adjourned, and the Session was asked to leave the room so that the AC could discuss any new findings or concerns but would be called back to the room following the AC meeting.

The AC met and considered the sessions concerns and the investigative summary from the Response Team for Churches in Immediate Need. A motion was M/S/P to exercise original jurisdiction over Calvary Presbyterian Church.

The AC also passed motions to appoint AC members as corporate officers, signatories on ALL bank accounts and assigned AC members to oversee and manage the various tasks need in the church. The Session once again met in a called meeting and AC Chair Paul Bayerl informed them of the AC's decision to exercise original jurisdiction and that the AC would now function as the officers of the church, corporation and become sole signatories on all financial instruments. Time was spent to make sure that the session fully understood the implications of this decision and that the AC would function as the Session.

Throughout November, December, January the AC worked to make an informed assessment of the totality of Calvary's ministry. The following findings can be reported:

- Reported membership in 2021 was 14 members which was down from 24 in 2020.
- Worship attendance in 2021 was reported as 14 people which was down from 16 in 2020.
- Aside from worship and keeping the building running there was little activity in the life of the church.
- Worship utilized pulpit supply for three weeks of the month and one Sunday is a music service.
- Much of the "work of ministry" was done by one staff member.



- There was little to no prospect for new leadership.
- Financially the church was dependent on lease income to pay the minimum financial responsibilities such as utilities and insurance.
- There was deferred maintenance issues throughout the property.

At its February 9, 2022, meeting the AC discussed these findings and the implications for both the congregation and presbytery. When focused on the viability, sustainability, and vibrancy of Calvary Presbyterian Church the AC sought to see a way forward for the congregation. After prayer, the Administrative Commission over Calvary Presbyterian Church unanimously recommended to the Leadership Council to dissolve the congregation.

On May 15, 2022, the AC held a meeting of the congregation to inform the members that a motion to dissolve the congregation was forthcoming at the May 21, 2022 Presbytery Assembly. The AC sought to help the congregation understand the decision and rationale behind it.

Following the action of the Presbytery at its May 21, 2022 Assembly to dissolve the church, the AC informed the congregation of the decision and established a timeline for the final Sunday morning worship and closing worship services. Calvary held its last service Sunday morning on June 12, 2022, and a final worship was held by the Presbytery of Tropical Florida on July 24, 2022.