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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

At a special called meeting of the Presbytery of San Diego, held on June 27, 2006, the Moderator of the Presbytery announced the formation of the Task Force on the Way Forward. Declaring that the actions taken by the 217th General Assembly constituted a “potential significant change in our ordination standards,” Dr. Baca charged the task force with implementing a way to address the questions posed by our Resolution of March 2006 and developing a plan that would allow our presbytery to move forward in the wake of the confusion caused by the actions of the 217th General Assembly.

The results of our work are being transmitted herewith. We realize that many of you are anxious to see our final conclusions and recommendations. Therefore, we have purposefully arranged our Final Report so that those segments of the report are presented first. After you have read our conclusions and recommendations, we urge you to carefully study our background material so that you will have an understanding of how and why we came to these conclusions and recommendations.

We understand that many in our Presbytery believe the Task Force on the Way Forward was called to answer the questions posed in the Resolution adopted by our presbyters in March 2006. The Advisory Survey polling process that took place on October 24, 2006 gave voice and vote members of the Presbytery of San Diego an opportunity to interact with, and answer, those questions. Although this Advisory Survey was only one segment of the extensive discernment and investigation that contributed to our conclusions and recommendations, the patterns and trends that surfaced in that survey are reflected in our Final Report. That survey, along with the answers given by the 70 voting commissioners present at the October 24, 2006 Presbytery meeting, is included in our report for your reference.

It has been an honor and a pleasure for us to serve the Presbytery of San Diego in our role as members of the Task Force on the Way Forward. We would like to thank all of you for supporting us in prayer as we discerned the Spirit working and moving during the course of our work together. We ask that you continue to pray for our Presbytery and member congregations as all God’s people in the Presbytery of San Diego strive to be faithful and fruitful servants of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

With gratitude,

Elder Elizabeth Crews, Chair
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**Task Force on the Way Forward
Presented to the Presbytery of San Diego
Final Report--November 21, 2006**

It is the conclusion of the Task Force on the Way Forward that the Presbytery of San Diego is divided and therefore polarized over some key theological issues. As a result we are unable to experience ecclesiastical unity. The advisory survey taken by commissioners at the Special Meeting of Presbytery on October 24, 2006 and the complexion of our recent presbytery meetings confirms our conclusion. As a result of this polarization, our ability to do mission and ministry together is greatly hampered. Often we spend more time arguing our respective positions than proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. Much like Paul and Barnabas in Acts 15:36-41, we seem to have reached an insurmountable impasse.

It is time to tell ourselves the truth and bring an end to this entrenched dispute. In our opinion, it is futile to keep arguing our respective cases, hoping to persuade our brothers and sisters in Christ to change their deeply held beliefs and values, while vehemently defending our own. We simply cannot continue in this state of sharp disagreement. We will either continue to fight among ourselves or we will move forward, but we cannot do both. We must find a way to break this destructive cycle and come to a place where mission and ministry take precedence over unproductive debate. We may need to find a way to commend **one another** to the grace of God so that we can pursue faithful and fruitful ministry options. We must find a common ground where we can work together to further God's kingdom here on earth, or we must part company. Anything less will not bring glory to God or increase His kingdom here on earth.

Therefore, the Task Force on the Way Forward presents the following recommendations to the Presbytery of San Diego for immediate adoption and implementation.

Our Recommendations

The Task Force on the Way Forward recommends that the Presbytery of San Diego declare 2007 to be a **Year of Preparation** for the new thing God is doing among us. As we devote ourselves to corporate worship, communal discernment and interactive prayer, we will refrain from all but essential business, as determined by the Executive Committee of Council.

In order to create a new paradigm for the Presbytery of San Diego, we recommend that the Presbytery approve the immediate formation of a council-level committee, chosen by the current Moderator of Presbytery and the Executive Presbyter and affirmed by vote of the Presbytery. This committee will be divided into work groups designed to function in tandem with our existing Council committee structure and will be augmented by concerned advocates of the respective areas outlined below. The committee will be charged with the responsibility of actively exploring and strategizing the most effective implementation of ten categories that we have identified as vital to our way forward. The chair of this committee will present a work plan and time line at the January 2007 meeting of Presbytery. Throughout the **Year of Preparation** this committee will make regular reports to the Presbytery regarding their findings, work and recommendations.

1. **Lead as a presbytery in a post-denominational setting** – Engage our entire Presbytery and its member congregations in a process of education and reformation as we recover the church's missional identity, which is best defined as being inwardly strong and outwardly focused. Consider how to survive and thrive in this emerging post-denominational culture. Re-invent our Presbytery meetings, gatherings, and communications to make them missionally relevant and supportive. Annually evaluate the missional effectiveness and progress of our Presbytery and member churches with regard to church health, congregational growth and vital ministries that further the Kingdom of God here on earth.

2. **Create a new way of being a presbytery** – Explore such possibilities as realignment within geographic areas based on like-mindedness; parallel presbyteries within synod; blessing and releasing one another to separate ministry and mission – modeled after Paul and Barnabas.
3. **Reaffirm our theological identity** – Create a process to keep our theological standards, as expressed in the Book of Order and distilled in our Essential Tenets and Reformed Distinctives, before our Presbytery, congregations and leaders. Diligently employ and uphold these standards in the work of our Committee on Ministry and our Committee on Preparation for Ministry. Refine and reaffirm the Essential Tenets and Reformed Distinctives on an annual basis and engage our Constitution as we work with all the recommendations of the TFWF.
4. **Rethink church property** – Explore options that would give churches the opportunity to own their property – such as implementing a jubilee principle that would give property without cost; give opportunity for a church to purchase their property outright; give opportunity for a church to fund new mission projects in a local area and receive the rights to their property.
5. **Redirect per capita and mission giving** – Create clear guidelines for congregations and the Presbytery for the giving of per capita and mission dollars based on support of the Great Ends of the Church and a strong missional focus – such as redirecting per capita to global, national and local ministries of the PC (USA) that reflect the purposes stated above; give mission dollars to mission entities that reflect the above focus and purpose.
6. **Initiate networks and partnerships** – Explore ways that the presbytery can network and partner with other like minded entities with whom we share similar theological and missional convictions – such as the Presbyterian Global Fellowship, other presbyteries, congregations, pastors and leaders.
7. **Maintain vigilance** – Diligently monitor the decisions and actions of Permanent Judicial Commissions locally and nationally, in particular with regard to ordination and property. Track Synod and General Assembly PJC decisions and actions and communicate that information to the Presbytery, congregations and individuals via website or newsletter. It is vital that we keep ourselves informed so that we are prepared to pursue remedial or disciplinary action when necessary to ensure constitutional compliance.
8. **Strengthen local ordination standards** – The Presbytery of San Diego will continue to require candidates for ordination, installation, and membership in the presbytery to comply with all standards for ordination and office as set forth in the Constitution of the PC (USA). These candidates will be asked to review our Essential Tenets and Reformed Distinctives and declare any significant theological exceptions.
9. **Engage the national leadership of the PC(USA)** – Invite our national leadership into our conversation and seek their advice on the implications of any proposed changes.
10. **Develop contingency plans** – Explore responses to potential future scenarios that would require Presbytery action – such as a GAPJC decision to set aside ordination standards.

We believe our God is recreating the Presbytery of San Diego into something new. We trust that God has a plan and purpose for us as individuals, churches and a presbytery. Our God is faithful; therefore, we are not afraid. In God's might and power our Presbytery has overcome adversity in the past. By God's grace these trials were transformed into a catalyst for positive change. We are confident the Holy Spirit will continue to lead us and guide us into all truth and empower us to accomplish God's purpose in Christ Jesus. We wait in great expectation as a new and exciting vision emerges and the Spirit redefines for us what it means to be a confessional, connectional, conversational and missional church in today's world.

BACKGROUND

The Presbytery of San Diego is a mission agency dedicated to proclaiming the gospel and to making disciples of Jesus Christ. He is the Savior of the world and Lord of the Church! We exist to equip and empower internally strong and externally focused congregations and leaders who are faithful to their missional identity and purpose to fulfill the Great Ends of the Church.

We are part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Our presbytery is deeply concerned by our theological and moral confusion, institutional self-focus, ecclesiastical disunity and loss of missional purpose, as a denomination, as a presbytery and as individual churches. Much has happened since our presbytery passed its Resolution of concern on March 21, 2006. Because of ongoing discussions as to the actual implications of the report of the General Assembly Task Force on the Peace, Unity and Purity of the church, we acknowledge that there are currently differing answers to the questions posed in our Resolution, both in the denomination and in our presbytery. We acknowledge that *the denomination is not healthy* and the connectional unity of our presbytery is at risk. The Presbytery of San Diego has entered a season of discernment. We pray for restoration, reformation and revitalization. We will continue to be actively engaged and prayerful in this process, in the hope that a new Reformation with sweeping change will soon take place.

We acknowledge that the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is in a state of deep crisis. Symptoms of this crisis include:

- a. We have turned our eyes inward. In the past 50 years our national population has doubled from 150 million to 300 million, yet our denomination's membership has dropped from 2% (3 million) to less than 1% (under one million). As a result we are an aging, dying, visionless denomination. We have lost the central focus of the New Testament church: the mission of Jesus Christ. In those same 50 years the PC(USA) has gone from supporting some 2,000 world-wide missionaries to supporting less than 200 world-wide missionaries in 2005.
- b. We continue to devote the majority of our efforts to maintaining the institution that we once were rather than becoming the church God is calling us to be.
- c. We are convinced that we are not currently positioned to respond to the urgent needs of our world.
- d. Sadly this crisis, decline and institutional focus is not limited to the national denomination. Rather than proactively addressing the problems in our denomination and becoming agents of reforming change, we have allowed ourselves to become complacent and to mirror the actions and subsequent decline seen in our denomination.
- e. We have observed a serious decline in giving to the national church. Our members reflect a growing distrust of the institutional church. As a result many congregations have moved to a form of mission giving which demands that our own denominational missions compete with various para-church and non-denominational missionaries for support.
- f. We are weary of the on-going divisiveness and brokenness in our institutional structures. The recent PUP report failed to unite us, but has been perceived as yet another contentious report sponsored by G.A.
- g. Our outdated bureaucratic structure tends to block, not facilitate, the local and global mission of the church in the 21st century.

In the process of discerning our way forward, the Task Force on the Way Forward recognized that our own Presbytery is deeply divided theologically. Sadly, this is not new to our Presbytery. In recent years we have seen ourselves on the brink of devastating divisions and each time we have pulled back together. However, we confess we may have fallen into the naive assumption that God's people will agree on any and all issues. Maintaining the direction set by our denomination in our "Confession of 67," we believed that resolution of our differences was the only appropriate way for the Presbytery of San Diego to proceed forward. This assumption has led us to a faulty metaphor in our conversations together.

In our recent conversations and debates, we have referred to our current crisis using the metaphor of marriage and/or divorce. We confess this is an unhelpful metaphor. While the Church is referred to in scripture as the “bride of Christ” our relationships to each other as fellow believers and congregations is that of siblings in a family. The Church is married to Jesus, but we are not married to each other. Just as healthy growing families celebrate the time when siblings move away and take up their own identity, so there are times when sister congregations can be mutually supportive while not maintaining the same level of closeness as in former years. As we move forward in our discernment we need to avoid using the image of marriage versus a divorce and considering the continued relationships of sibling congregations.

We confess that we have let ourselves fall into win-lose options for the way forward rather than looking for win-win options where those of strong but differing convictions find a way to bless each other in the midst of separation. Conflict often overshadows the good work of our mission projects; our presbytery meetings more closely resemble a heated political debate than a gathering of God’s chosen people. For many it is easier to discuss theological differences with leaders of other denominations than to continue in conversation with our own Presbyterian brothers and sisters. It is time to realize that just as siblings can bless each other while moving out of the same house in which they grew up, we can seek ways to bless each other and move in separate directions. Just as Paul and Barnabas separated in Acts 15, but the result was a multiplying of missions for the Lord, so we need to take seriously that there are appropriate times when siblings confess their mutual love while choosing different ways to move into the future.

We further confess that we have let property issues increase our frustrations. Our conversations become heated in unhelpful ways when parties perceive they are being asked to share financial resources for causes with which they disagree. Some of us feel our trust has been abused and it will be extremely difficult to rebuild trust without changing the rules. In our current denomination structure congregational property is owned by the denomination. This arrangement is not always seen as protecting the rights of individual church members. Some congregations see this arrangement as oppressive. At times our current property ownership structure adversely impacts financial giving to the expansion and growth of local congregations. Thus, we confess that a deep distrust of denominational leadership hampers constructive conversation that can help us find a way forward.

We acknowledge that we live in a sinful, broken world; a world in which we are called to proclaim the unconditional love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. Within our churches there are also those who are broken and in need of the wholeness, health and restoration that only Jesus Christ can give. As a church we are called to minister to the broken and the lost, both inside and outside the church, as we call all God’s people to sexual wholeness as defined by our constitution and by Scripture.

We further recognize that sexual brokenness is not the only sin that plagues our society, and our churches, today. For that reason we urge our Presbytery to persistently pray for conviction that leads to repentance and restoration in the lives of those living in unconfessed sin, no matter what form that sin-sickness takes. We confess that to limit our ordination standards to sexual practice alone is to ignore the whole counsel of God.

We confess that breaking God’s laws leaves us as broken people. God gives us warnings and commandments for our own good. Sinful activities bring consequences that are not only harmful to the individual but also to that person’s family and surrounding community. Sin leaves behind the devastation of broken relationships and spiritual confusion. We confess that we have not consistently shown compassion for those in need of God’s love and grace, and we encourage our Presbytery to declare with confidence that in God’s grace we have the hope of healing wherever there has been brokenness due to sin. We pledge to offer forgiveness to others just as God, in Christ, has forgiven us.

We recognize that this is a pivotal time for our Presbytery—a time that presents both danger and opportunity. The theological crisis in our denomination affects all levels of the church, including our

Presbytery and its congregations. But we are not without hope. Just as the prophet Isaiah discerned there was hope in the wilderness, we discern that God is doing a new thing in our midst. We will remain faithful as we allow God's Spirit to transform us into a new paradigm of connected congregations and presbyteries, all working together and committed to a missional identity and purpose in God's world, whatever form that community and connectedness might take. We hear the Holy Spirit calling us to forget the former things and to perceive that something entirely new is being formed:

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." (Isaiah 43:18-19)

Through discernment and prayer, we believe God's Holy Spirit is revealing to us:

1. We must regain the missional focus that we have lost. Mission is not something we do, mission is who we are. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called into the world to make new disciples and to exhibit the Kingdom of God on earth. In obedience to the Spirit's voice we hereby commit:
 - a. To seek God's transformation of our Presbytery into an effective instrument for God's mission in the 21st century, in the spirit of the Reformed tradition.
 - b. To renew our commitment to build healthy congregations, empower transformational leaders and churches, collaborate in mission efforts and start new churches.
 - c. To engage in new missional partnerships such as the Presbyterian Global Fellowship.
 - d. To network with other presbyteries, congregations, pastors, leaders and renewal groups of similar conviction across the country and around the world, forming new coalitions and discerning God's leading together.
2. We must be transformational agents of positive change as we partner with others in leading the church into a revolutionary restructuring for the purpose of mission and ministry. We seek immediate and far-reaching transformation that results in a new way of:
 - a. Clarifying and abiding by biblical ordination standards within our Presbytery.
 - b. Establishing and enforcing constitutional order within our Presbytery.
 - c. Redirecting rather than withholding per-capita and mission giving, within the boundaries of the Book of Order.
 - d. Rethinking ownership of church property with a new understanding that more closely aligns with scriptural principles.

In order to achieve these goals, we feel it is vital that our Presbytery make an ongoing commitment to:

1. Continue in a season of prayer, trusting God alone to equip and empower us to fulfill our mission in the world. God alone can convict, transform and renew the church to be all our Sovereign Lord has called us to be.
2. Partner with other congregations and presbyteries who seek with us to lead, not leave, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) by exploring new structures for ministry.
3. Participate in and carefully observe the actions of the larger denomination, including its judicial processes, with an eye toward our ability to resolve constitutional issues.
4. Hold our strong convictions with peace, unity, purity, humility and courage, not allowing fear, anger or frustration to dictate our future.
5. Extend the grace of Jesus Christ to all persons regardless of their brokenness—sexual and otherwise—and to call the entire church to wholeness as defined by scripture and our constitution.
6. Uphold our core theological commitments as expressed in the Essential Tenets and Reformed Distinctives. (Adopted by the Presbytery of San Diego June 17, 2003)
7. Maintain and uphold the constitutional standards for ordination within the bounds of our presbytery, including G-6.0106b.
8. Seek gracious ways of blessing and releasing pastors and congregations who can no longer willingly and joyfully relate to the PC (USA).
9. Explore ways to realign our presbytery structure so that we are divided into theologically like-minded groups within our geographic area.

Appendix A

Task Force on the Way Forward

Advisory Survey Questions

With Results

**DISCERNING THE WAY FORWARD
PRESBYTERY OF SAN DIEGO**

On March 21, 2006 the Presbytery of San Diego adopted a Resolution in anticipation of the passage of the report of the Theological Task Force on the Peace, Unity and Purity of the Presbyterian Church (PUP Report) by the 217th General Assembly. The Resolution asked seven specific questions that we, as a presbytery, would answer should our Moderator conclude that the actions of the 217th General Assembly had significantly changed the PC(USA)'s current standards related to: (a) ordination and sexuality; and/or, (b) connectional polity. The Resolution further called for the formation of a Task Force charged with presenting a plan to address the seven questions posed by the Resolution. As part of our continuing discernment process, The Task Force on the Way Forward is seeking input from the minister and elder commissioners to the Presbytery of San Diego. We value your participation and are eager to hear your voice as expressed through this advisory survey. Thank you for becoming part of the process as together we prayerfully seek to discern the way forward.

Resolution Questions a-e

Resolution questions a-e are close-ended questions that only require one answer. Please indicate your answer to these questions by circling the appropriate choice for each statement. An "IT DEPENDS" response can mean that either: (1) you do not yet have enough information to answer the question; or, (2) that you think it is too soon to make a definitive determination.

a) Does the adoption of the PUP Report create a constitutional crisis?

NO = 19 YES = 31 IT DEPENDS = 20

b) Does the adoption of the PUP Report create a state of biblical and confessional defection?

NO = 20 YES = 34 IT DEPENDS = 17

c) Does the adoption of the PUP Report breach the covenant that binds our congregations and presbyteries together?

NO = 24 YES = 31 IT DEPENDS = 14

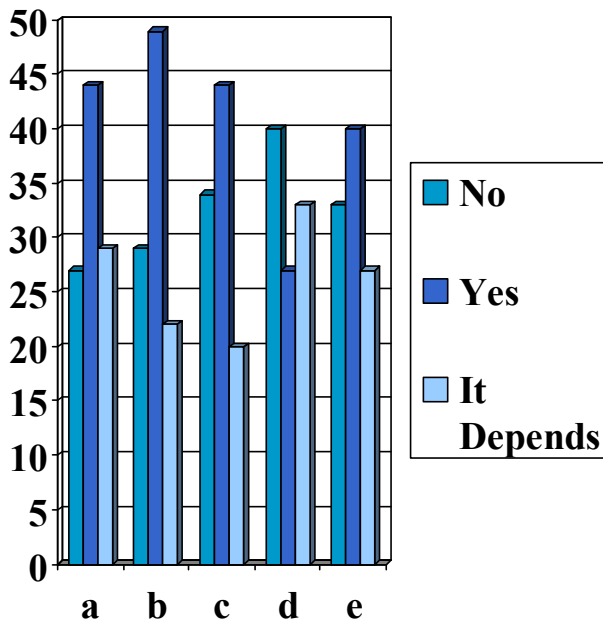
d) Does the adoption of the PUP Report minimize or eliminate our covenantal obligation to abide by the polity and discipline of higher governing bodies?

NO = 28 YES = 19 IT DEPENDS = 23

e) Does the adoption of the PUP Report damage or compromise the PC(USA)'s ability to exercise governance over its presbyteries.

NO = 23 YES = 28 IT DEPENDS = 19

Resolution Questions (a-e)



- Results from Presbytery of SD Advisory Survey on October 24, 2006
- 70 Commissioners participated in the Advisory Survey
- Graphic presents % of responses for each resolution question

The Way Forward

On September 19, 2006 the Task Force on the Way Forward presented an initial report to the Presbytery of San Diego. In that report we began to outline the Way Forward for our presbytery. Please answer the following questions, as indicated, on issues addressed by that report.

1. The initial report of the TFWF identifies four ways our presbytery can be a transformational agent of positive change. Please indicate how important these items are to you by marking them “high interest,” “low interest,” or “no interest.”

_____ Clarifying and abiding by biblical ordination standards within our presbytery.

High = 59 Low = 8 No = 3

_____ Establishing and enforcing constitutional order throughout the PC(USA).

High = 43 Low = 23 No = 4

_____ Redirecting rather than withholding per-capita and mission giving.

High = 37 Low = 22 No = 9

_____ Rethinking ownership of church property.

High = 37 Low = 20 No = 12

2. In our initial report, The Task Force on the Way Forward describes the PC(USA) as being “in a state of deep crisis.” What do you think might be contributing to this crisis?

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| a. Don't agree—there is no “deep crisis.” | Yes = 16 | No = 42 | Unsure = 6 |
| b. Declining membership. | Yes = 50 | No = 15 | Unsure = 4 |
| c. Loss of missional purpose. | Yes = 57 | No = 7 | Unsure = 5 |
| d. Loss of biblical authority. | Yes = 48 | No = 18 | Unsure = 3 |
| e. Theological/moral confusion. | Yes = 54 | No = 14 | Unsure = 2 |
| f. Ecclesiastical disunity. | Yes = 48 | No = 12 | Unsure = 9 |
| g. Too much institutional focus. | Yes = 44 | No = 15 | Unsure = 7 |
| h. Outdated bureaucratic structures. | Yes = 44 | No = 9 | Unsure = 12 |
| i. Other: _____ | | | |

3. The Presbytery of San Diego should explore ways of giving church property to individual congregations. (They are currently held in trust for the denomination.)

1 = Strongly Disagree	2 = Disagree	3 = Not Sure	4 = Agree	5 = Strongly Agree
21	9	7	16	17

4. The current PC(USA) policy that holds church property in trust for the denomination is an important safeguard that protects our congregations and should therefore be maintained.
- 1 = Strongly Disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Not Sure 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly Agree
14 21 6 9 19
5. Individual congregations should have the freedom to openly discuss property issues, both within themselves and with higher governing bodies, without the fear of remedial action.
- 1 = Strongly Disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Not Sure 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly Agree
4 5 4 23 34
6. Within the boundaries of the Book of Order, the Presbytery of San Diego should endorse the redirecting of per capita and mission giving to PC(USA) agencies and organizations.
- 1 = Strongly Disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Not Sure 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly Agree
9 13 7 19 22
7. The Presbytery of San Diego should encourage each church to give its full assessed per capita undesignated to the presbytery, synod, and general assembly, provided sufficient funds are available to do so.
- 1 = Strongly Disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Not Sure 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly Agree
17 16 3 18 16
8. Our presbytery should honor the wishes of any member congregation that, for express reasons of conscience, elects to follow its own per capita formula and mission designations.
- 1 = Strongly Disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Not Sure 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly Agree
5 19 5 20 21
9. The presbytery of San Diego should form connectional networks with other like-minded presbyteries to remain faithful to our missional purpose and to discover and explore other fruitful ministry and mission opportunities.
- 1 = Strongly Disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Not Sure 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly Agree
3 5 9 24 29
10. Our presbytery should encourage and equip our congregations to extend the grace of Jesus Christ to all persons regardless of their brokenness—sexual or otherwise—and to call the entire church to wholeness as defined by scripture and our constitution.
- 1 = Strongly Disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Not Sure 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly Agree
2 3 2 22 41
11. If, by a significant majority, a congregation in our presbytery chooses to leave the PC(USA) during this season of discernment, there should be a gracious way to bless and dismiss them and handle property issues in a fair and equitable manner.
- 1 = Strongly Disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Not Sure 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly Agree
4 4 10 25 27
12. The Presbytery of San Diego should grant “relief of conscience” to pastors and congregations who, though wishing to participate fully in the life and mission of the Presbytery of San Diego, for reasons of conscience can no longer affiliate with the PC(USA).
- 1 = Strongly Disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Not Sure 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly Agree
7 10 14 18 21

Resolution Questions f & g

Questions f and g posed by the Resolution are open-ended questions that have many possible answers and are somewhat dependent on the answers to a-e. In this section of the survey you will be asked to circle the number that most closely corresponds to your response. Please use the following scale in answering these questions:

1 = Strongly Disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Not Sure 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly Agree

f. What will be the future relationship between the Presbytery of San Diego and the PC(USA)?

1. No change in San Diego Presbytery's current relationship with the PC(USA) is necessary.

1 = Strongly Disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Not Sure 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly Agree
15 16 12 14 13

2. We should enter into a *probationary relationship* with the PC(USA). Significant reformation, correction and restructuring need to occur before a normal relationship can be restored.

1 = Strongly Disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Not Sure 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly Agree
19 16 9 16 10

3. Our presbytery should enter into a two-year season of prayerful discernment and proactive engagement with the wider PC(USA) as we explore our future relationship to the denomination.

1 = Strongly Disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Not Sure 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly Agree
6 13 15 24 12

4. Our presbytery should intentionally monitor Permanent Judicial Committee actions throughout the PC(USA).

1 = Strongly Disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Not Sure 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly Agree
2 7 6 29 26

5. The Presbytery of San Diego should lead, not leave, the denomination as we seek to recover the church's missional purpose.

1 = Strongly Disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Not Sure 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly Agree
3 3 13 20 31

6. The PC(USA) is deeply divided and seems increasingly unable to experience ecclesiastical unity.

1 = Strongly Disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Not Sure 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly Agree
3 9 10 29 19

