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REPORT OF THE SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW TEAM HOMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Following a request of the Session of Homer Presbyterian Church to enter into discernment on their continued membership in Northeast Georgia Presbytery and the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Committee on Ministry formed and authorized a Special Administrative Review Team to begin conversations with the Session.

In our first meeting, we established that reconciliation was not a viable path and that there does not exist a schism within the congregation. From the perspective of the team these conversations, though difficult, were respectful and amiable. Given that no remnant was evident, the Committee on Ministry deemed that a Administrative Commission with Original Jurisdiction was not needed and authorized the review team to proceed with negotiations on behalf of the presbytery. Conversations then shifted to identifying terms for dismissal that would not hamstring either Homer or the Presbytery in continuing to bear witness to the gospel in our own contexts. The agreement presented for Presbytery consideration at the September special called meeting is the fruit of those negotiations.