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COVENANT OF DISMISSAL

BETWEEN

NORTHEAST GEORGIA PRESBYTERY and HOMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Administrative Review Team established by the Committee on Ministry of Northeast Georgia Presbytery to meet with the Session of Homer Presbyterian Church to discern together the request of the Session to seek dismissal to another reformed denomination has concluded that such an action is in the best interest of Homer Presbyterian Church and Northeast Georgia Presbytery. To that end, we submit the following to the Northeast Georgia Presbytery for consideration at its Stated Meeting in May.

Northeast Georgia Presbytery (The Presbytery) agrees to release Homer Presbyterian Church with property to membership into the Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians. Further, The Presbytery relinquishes all rights to the name "Homer Presbyterian Church" and grants that Homer may continue to operate under this name following its departure.

The Session of Homer Presbyterian Church (Homer) agrees to pay five years of per capita at the present rate of \$25.66 in one lump sum for the membership of 17 reported in 2024. The total amount is \$2,181. Homer also agrees to make a donation of \$1,819 to Banks County Pathways. This is a total of \$4,000. Further, the Session agrees to discontinue usage of the seal of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and that Northeast Georgia Presbytery becomes the custodian of all original records.

As our paths now diverge, we covenant to pray for one another and for God to continue to guide our wisdom and discernment as we bear witness to the Gospel in our communities.

This Covenant contains the entirety of the agreement between The Presbytery and Homer and no further stipulations shall be added once it is in effect. This Covenant is not final until approved by majority vote by The Presbytery. Per the Gracious Dismissal Policy of Northeast Georgia Presbytery, this Covenant stands on its own and does not in any way establish precedent.

Signed,

Reverend Jacob Leon Douylliez
Stated Clerk
Northeast Georgia Presbytery

Mary Ann Carlan
Clerk of Session
Homer Presbyterian Church

Corporate Seal