

The Administrative Commission for Hamilton: Westwood convened at 2:30pm on Sunday, November 7, 2021 at Westwood Presbyterian Church in Hamilton, Ohio. Members present were: RE Janice Kronour, Chair; MWS Steven Schumm; RE Danette Shuler, RE Robert Storm, Clerk; and MWS Denise Weaver.

The meeting was called to order by RE Kronour and MWS Steve Schumm opened with prayer. The Administrative Commission (AC) met first with MWS Norman Godfrey, Stated Supply Pastor for Westwood. The Rev. Godfrey became the pastor for Westwood in December of 2012 and announced he will not be seeking or accepting an extension of his call with Westwood in 2022.

MWS Godfrey spoke with the AC for thirty minutes about his time with Westwood and the events leading up to the request for an AC to facilitate closure. He provided the AC with minutes from meetings in 2018 and 2021. He informed the AC that there was concern amongst the Westwood Session with our proposed agenda that included calling a for a Congregational meeting for the purpose of voting on whether to close, as the Session and Congregation feel they already did this. He stated that we (AC), "will need to give them a good reason for voting again."

At 3:00p the AC, along with MWS Godfrey, met with the Session and officers of Westwood. RE Kronour opened this portion of the meeting with prayer. The AC members introduced themselves and Westwood members did the same, in turn, relating a favorite memory of their time at Westwood.

Westwood members then discussed the present situation at Westwood and what events led to it. Each was clear that they felt the congregation already voted to close. Several questions were asked about next steps and the AC promised to seek answers for those questions not readily answered. Much consideration was given to the current renter of the manse and this issue is important to the Session.

It was agreed that a Congregational Meeting would be called for Nov. 28, 2021 for the purpose of voting on whether to close and, if that vote is in the affirmative, hold the final worship service on Dec. 26, 2021.

RE Storm closed the meeting in prayer at 4:30p.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob Storm
Clerk