

Church Closings and Dismissals Commission
Report to Presbytery of Transylvania
March 13, 2018

The Church Closings and Dismissals Commission has met two times (November 27, 2017, and January 19, 2018).

The first meeting served as an organizational meeting and identification of priority tasks. The commission members discussed current Presbytery policies and developing best practices regarding the closure or dismissal of churches.

At its second meeting, the commission:
Reviewed the work of naming priorities and identifying current needs.

A task force was formed to negotiate the terms of dismissal for the First Presbyterian Church, Stanton.

Having received a request from the congregation, a task force was formed to negotiate the closure of the Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church.

A follow-up letter will be sent to the First Presbyterian Church, Booneville, and Indian Creek, Booneville, seeking to set up a meeting to engage their requests to separate themselves from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).