January 24, 2024

To the Administrative Commission for Dardenne Presbyterian Church

Brothers & Sisters,

The Session of Dardenne Presbyterian Church has received your letters and is appreciative of your courtesies, your tone, and your thoughts. We are especially grateful for your continued prayers and the time that you have already invested to express your concerns as fellow Christians. While you have noted a desire for further clarification of DPC's motives and the ministry context of our recent actions, we have previously answered this question truthfully. The present matter is only about the church's property and to what degree DPC has the flexibility to control the use of that property in or out of the PCUSA. Our goal and obligation is to preserve any property rights that do exist and to avoid the church ever being found to have failed to preserve its property under our watch. That is all we seek.

Your letters were discussed at our monthly Session meeting on Tuesday January 23, and at this time, DPC's Session believes it is best that communications continue to be conducted through our respective counsel. In the meantime, we will remain courteous and thankful for all prayers, and we will continue to share the common, overriding goal of furthering the mission of Christ in this world. We will likewise keep your ministry in our prayers as we commit to pray for our own wisdom.

Peace and grace to each of you,

The Session of Dardenne Presbyterian Church

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