

Report From the Administrative Commission on Congregational Property
6/11/19

Important Information for Churches

G-4.0206 Selling, Encumbering, or Leasing Church Property from the Book of Order

a. Selling or Encumbering Congregational Property

A congregation shall not sell, mortgage, or otherwise encumber any of its real property and it shall not acquire real property subject to an encumbrance or condition without the written permission of the presbytery transmitted through the session of the congregation.

b. Leasing Congregational Property

A congregation shall not lease its real property used for purposes of worship, or lease for more than five years any of its other real property, without the written permission of the presbytery transmitted through the session of the congregation.

All leases executed by NCP Sessions must contain the following language:

"Notwithstanding anything contained in this Lease/License to the contrary, in the event that the Landlord as a religious organization is dissolved, Lessor or the National Capital Presbytery may terminate this Lease/License, provided that notice of such dissolution is provided to Lessee at least ninety (90) days prior to the anticipated date of dissolution, and (ii) the Lease/License shall not terminate for ninety (90) days after the date of such dissolution unless otherwise agreed by the Parties."

The Presbytery has empowered the Administrative Commission on Congregational Property with the powers of an Administrative Commission to consider and approve requests from churches to lease, sell or encumber the real property of a church. Any action in this regard by a congregation without the Presbytery's permission will not be recognized as legally valid.

If your church is considering leasing, selling or encumbering real property please contact Todd McCreight, Director of Business Operations, at 240-514-5356 or email tmccreight@thepresbytery.org.

5/23/19 Vienna Church (e-vote)

Under its authority as an Administrative Commission of National Capital Presbytery (NCP), the Administrative Commission on Congregational Property (ACCP) grants approval for Vienna Presbyterian Church to grant the Town of Vienna a utility easement of

approximately 150 square feet in front of the church's street sign, as described in the materials provided to the ACCP by VPC.

This approval is for a period one year from date of approval, and is subject to review by the ACCP if the grant is not completed within that time period. ACCP also authorizes the officers of NCP, Inc., as agents of the corporation to sign any documents required to complete the transaction.

Unanimously approved

5/23/19 Ashburn Church (e-vote)

Under its authority as an Administrative Commission of National Capital Presbytery (NCP), the Administrative Commission on Congregational Property (ACCP) rules that no ACCP approval be required for Ashburn Presbyterian Church to sell their 5-acre undeveloped land parcel in Hardy County, West Virginia.

Unanimously approved

6/11/19 Southminster Presbyterian Church

Under its authority as an Administrative Commission of National Capital Presbytery (NCP), the Administrative Commission on Congregational Property (ACCP) grants approval for Southminster Presbyterian Church, a member in good standing of the NCP, to lease the worship space and other specified spaces of the church to Newness of Life Bible Church, commencing on July 1 and expiring December 31, 2019, on the terms and conditions as stated in the agreement, at a monthly rent of \$400. If Southminster wishes to extend this lease beyond December 31, 2019 and make significant changes to the terms of the lease other than the length of the renewal term, ACCP will need to review and approve the proposed extension contract beforehand.

This approval is for a period of one year from this date and is subject to review by the ACCP if rental is not completed within that time period. ACCP also authorizes the officers of NCP as agents of the corporation to sign any documents required to complete the transaction.

Approved with 8 yes votes and 1 vote not received