

In late 2012, internal issues between the Session and called Pastor of First Korean Presbyterian Church of Anchorage (FKPC) led to the intervention of Committee on Ministry (COM) in the life of this church. Subsequently, the called Pastor, Rev. Myung Han Kang, and the four elders constituting the FKPC Session were placed on administrative leave and an emergency interim pastor, Rev. Young Ko Kwan, was hired by Presbytery of Yukon (POY). At the February 2013 Presbytery meeting an Administrative Commission (AC) was authorized. The AC for FKPC was Rev. Israel Nelson, Rev. Kim MacInnes-Green, Elder Ron Bower, Elder Howard Burger, Elder Sara Johnston. The commission was greatly assisted by the participation in nearly all of its meetings by Stated Clerk Sharon Rayt.


The motion to establish the AC read:

Appoint an Administrative Commission at 1st Korean Presbyterian Church in Anchorage: The COM finds that the session at 1st Korean Presbyterian Church of Anchorage is currently unable to function as a session. The COM therefore recommends that presbytery assume original jurisdiction and appoint an administrative commission to perform the duties of a session as found in G-3.0201. In addition the administrative commission will partner with Crisis Interim Pastor, the Rev. Young Ko Kwon, with the intent of either effecting reconciliation between the Rev. Myung Han Kang, pastor, and the session, or of recommending other strategies to presbytery should reconciliation fail.

Between March and December 2013 the AC met in closed meetings 14 times, and jointly with the reestablished Session of FKPC 16 times. The attempt at facilitating reconciliation between the called pastor failed with the resignation of the pastor. Three of the previously suspended elders were invited to rejoin the Session; one elder's suspension was extended until 2014; two new elders were elected by the congregation. An interim pastor was hired, and Rev. Tim Carrick agreed to act as moderator for the Session until a permanent pastor was called. The AC held its last meeting in early December.

The AC for FKPC requests that having achieved the goals set for it by the Presbytery, that it be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,



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Moderator, Administrative Commission