

Summary of the Petition Formally Received 3.2.20

In accordance with BCO 25-2, we, the members of Pacific Crossroads Church (PCC), petition the Session to call a congregational meeting, as soon as possible. This petition requires 100+ signatures of members. [102 signatures were affixed to the petition, dated 3.2.20.]

Such meeting will be called to discuss and vote on a resolution to have PCC either stay in the PCA or leave the PCA immediately upon a simple majority vote of the members.

Two key comments:

1. This petition, under BCO 25-2, is within the government rules of PCC, and the elders do **NOT** oppose in **ANY** way, this effort, **NOR** see it as not submitting to the Session's authority.
2. Signing nor soliciting signatures is NOT a violation of your PCC membership vows (Q5-Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?)

Three items for discussion, each item to be discussed at a separate meeting:

1. Discussion with Q&A of the events leading to the dismissal of Pastor Rankin Wilbourne (Fifteen specific questions listed below).
2. Discussion, Presentations by two groups, and Q&A on the Pros/Cons of staying or leaving the PCA.
3. Vote on staying or leaving the PCA.

The fifteen questions raised in the petition.

- A. Questions about Events around Rankin's dismissal:
 1. Were you surprised by the severity of the punishment declared by the Presbytery?
 2. Were you given any advice/opinions by those in the presbytery prior to the judgement, that led you to believe they would NOT issue this severe a sentence?
 3. Are you in agreement with the sentence?
 4. Can you tell us with certainty whether or not there was anything confessed by Rankin, in his four-page letter, that was not previously known by you, and dealt with before you restored Rankin as pastor in early January?
 5. Is there any way to know IF the presbytery was presented any information/complaints that you were not aware of (in early January 2020?) OR are you sure there has been NO NEW INFORMATION presented to them?
 6. Were there any occurrences or complaints against Rankin's behavior that occurred in 2018 or 2019?

B. Questions about the Appeal Process?

1. Are you going to appeal either or both decisions? IF so, when will that be filed?
2. What is the general basis of the appeal?
3. Is it true you must first appeal to this Presbytery and if so, how long do they have to respond?
4. If the Presbytery denies our appeal, what are the next steps and how long does that process take?
5. Why would you believe that PCC can “win” this appeal at either the Presbytery or national level and have the decisions overturned? What does the national appeal court have at their discretion to reverse this?
6. Are the decisions of the national appeal court final, or can the presbytery then file an appeal?
7. IF the Presbytery can then appeal the overturned decision, how long would their appeal process take?

C. Questions about Attendance and Church Membership

1. How many membership withdrawals have occurred since February 16, 2020?
2. What has been the church attendance for each Sunday since Feb 2, 2020?