

FINAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION FOR
TRUE LIGHT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The True Light Administrative Commission (TLAC) first met on October 4, 2023 for the purpose of inquiring into the conflict at True Light Presbyterian Church.

Background: Due to conflict within the congregation, no elders had been ordained/installed to new terms since early in 2022. No congregational meetings to elect elders took place in 2022 or 2023. The Session consisted of seven elders, all male, five of whose terms were expired/expiring by the end of 2023.

The TLAC accomplished the following:

1. With the concurrence of the existing Session, and with only two elders whose terms had not expired, the TLAC assumed original jurisdiction over True Light Presbyterian Church effective January 1, 2024.
2. The TLAC met monthly as the Session, and appointed members of True Light Presbyterian Church to oversee ministry areas of the congregation.
3. After discerning that the conflict was not resolvable, and recognizing the responsibility of all parties for the conflict, the TLAC accepted the resignation of the pastor, along with an agreement by the previous Session members not to accept nomination to serve as elders when the Session would be reconstituted (for a period of three years), as of September, 2024.
4. The TLAC procured pulpit supply for the congregation and hired the Rev. Hyunsung Cho to serve as Interim Pastor effective January 1, 2025.
5. The congregation had previously permitted persons to enroll as members through a process not in accordance with the Book of Order. The TLAC oversaw the vetting of the membership roll to consist only of members who had been properly admitted to membership.
6. The TLAC proposed revisions to the congregation's by-laws to bring them into conformity with the Book of Order. In January, 2025 the congregation voted to approve the revisions to the by-laws and elected a Nominating Committee.
7. In February, 2025 the congregation received the report of the Nominating Committee and elected the slate of nominated elders.
8. In March, 2025, the TLAC and congregation obtained a refinancing of their mortgage through PILP.
9. The finances of the congregation have stabilized, the staff has been right-sized to the level of the membership, attendance is beginning to grow again.

10. On March 30, 2025, in a special service of ordination/installation of the newly-elected elders, six persons (four male, two female) were ordained/installed to the ordered ministry of ruling elder. As of the conclusion of the service, the TLAC relinquished original jurisdiction to the newly-formed Session.

With the congregation stabilized and unified under new leadership, and with the warrant for the TLAC expiring as of the May, 2025 meeting of the Presbytery, the TLAC believes the congregation is well-positioned to proceed to the election of a PNC and the eventual call of an installed pastor under normal procedures.

Therefore, the TLAC is not seeking a renewal of our warrant, and recommends that the Presbytery allow our warrant to expire.

Respectfully submitted,

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