

**Interim Report to Heartland Presbytery
from the Administrative Commission for
Churches Requesting Dismissal from the PC(USA)**

As previously reported, the Administrative Commission by letter dated September 11th, 2007 denied the request of First Presbyterian Church of Paola to be dismissed with property. Thereafter, the Administrative Commission continued its work and sought unity and reconciliation. However, after much work, it was determined that unity and reconciliation were not possible.

By letter dated October 25, 2007, the Administrative Commission issued a decision that schism existed and ordered that property of First Presbyterian Church Paola be designated to be used by those members that have declared their intention to remain part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The determination and designation of property was made pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Book of Order.

Further, the Administrative Commission is addressing the issue of whether the current Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Paola may remain the Session pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Book of Order. The Administrative Commission has requested that the current Session resign. Absent such resignation, the Administrative Commission has scheduled a hearing with the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Paola for November 12th, 2007.

The Administrative Commission continues their work at Hillsdale and Gashland Presbyterian Churches. However, no further decisions regarding these two churches have been made.

The Administrative Commission's work is not yet complete. We are most grateful for the thoughts and prayers of Heartland Presbytery. We ask that those continue as we move forward into God's providential love and care.

Submitted Faithfully,

Leslie King, Moderator