

**Guidelines for Trustees, Resolution Teams, and/or Churches in
Negotiating Terms of Disaffiliation Pursuant to the Gracious Separation Policy
of Mission Presbytery**

PURPOSE:

These guidelines are intended to serve the mission of Mission Presbytery and the local congregation and to provide a fair and equitable arrangement for all congregations seeking to leave this presbytery in accordance with Mission Presbytery policy.

GUIDELINES:

1. Churches seeking to leave Mission Presbytery must ordinarily provide a "full financial review of all financial books and records" for the last year by a public accountant.
2. Three appraisals of the real property are ordinarily required: 1.5% (1/2) paid for by the presbytery, and 1.5% (1/2) paid for by the local church.
3. A tithe of all assets of the disaffiliating congregation is to be made to Mission Presbytery to support the continued mission of the presbytery in that place. This tithe must be at least equal to the percentage of the congregation who voted *not* to disaffiliate, but no less than 10%.
4. This tithe must be paid within sixty (60) months of the disaffiliation. If the amount owed to Mission Presbytery is not paid by the end of sixty (60) months all assets will revert to the presbytery. This will be assured by an appropriate contract.
5. All other outstanding debts must be paid before the congregation leaves.