



Re: Clarification Regarding Communications

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Many of you have been confused by the flood of communications you are receiving regarding our pending vote: emails, letters, Facebook posts, etc. and you cannot always tell from whom they are coming.

Mission Presbytery has attempted to insert itself into the vote. They are also forwarding communications that are, at best, disingenuous. Of more concern are **unsigned** communications coming from **nameless, faceless persons** using letterhead deceptively similar to the church's. They question the integrity and intentions of your Session, and give the impression that they are in some way "official," when, in truth, we cannot know exactly who is sending them or if the small group involved is even limited to members of First Pres...*because they refuse to sign their names.*

To be clear: **a copy of all official communications from your Pastors and your Session can be found on the church website: fpcsanantonio.org** Your Session has put a lot of documentation on the website for you to review because we have an important decision to make on Sunday and we want you to be **fully informed before voting.**

The recommendation your Session has made came after months and years of prayerful discussion, study and discernment. Our hope is that you will prayerfully consider what is best for this church and future generations of members and **place your trust in the official recommendations of your duly elected Elders and all of your Pastors: Louis Zbinden, Pastor Emeritus; Scott Simpson, Associate Pastor; and Ron Scates, Interim Sr. Pastor; and please vote "Yes" to all three proposals on your ballot Sunday.**

Earnestly in Christ,

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"But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy." **James 3:17**