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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I would like to update the status of the civil action the Presbytery of Ohio Valley (POV) has undertaken to discern the proper ownership of property held in trust for the PC(USA). As many of you are aware every attempt at mediation with Olivet Presbyterian Church ended with impasse. Thus, the Presbytery appointed task force has asked the court to make a summary judgment based on information provided by both the POV and Olivet to avoid a protracted, public, and potentially divisive trial.

Through our counsel, the POV will be reporting to the court on March 11 regarding the stipulated record. Following this meeting, there will be a briefing schedule which may extend for 60 days or longer. It is our hope that this case will be fully briefed during this timeframe to allow the Judge to hand down a ruling sometime in June and once-and-for-all determine the validity of the Trust clause for the PC(USA) in this Presbytery and in the state of Indiana. If the court rules in favor of the POV, the task force will sit down with the good people of Olivet and attempt to mediate a settlement that allows each organization to move forward with their ministries. Any proposed agreement will then be presented at an assembly of the POV for discussion, amendment, and approval.

The Task Force continues to solicit your prayers for all the parties in this matter as we seek a way forward to settle the Trust clause issue and concentrate more fully on accomplishing the Great Ends of the Church in our corner of the world.

On behalf of the Olivet Task Force,

Rev. Dr. Robert M. (Rob) Allen

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