

Recommendation

Dismantling Racism and White Privilege Team

The Presbytery of Giddings Lovejoy

Gathering

August 24, 2023

Believing that the work of the church is strengthened when it is done in a spirit of openness and trust, the Dismantling Racism and White Privilege (DRAWP) team recommends the presbytery approve the reparative action motion on behalf of Third Presbyterian Church. We believe this action acknowledges that Third Presbyterian Church has been wronged in the inheriting of a flawed building, which contributed to saddling the church with excessive debt. We acknowledge that Third Presbyterian Church did not have an adequate seat at the table throughout the process of acquiring their current property, which undermined the church's ability to make informed decisions regarding the acquisition and impending maintenance needs of the building. The debt the church has subsequently incurred due to inadequate communication and failure to include Third as a full and informed participant in the property decision-making process have contributed to a wrong that we as a presbytery have a responsibility to repair. In the spirit of our team's commitment to move from "apology to action" by building just relationships, educating for racial equity, and advocating for racial justice, we heartily recommend the approval of this reparative action.

Respectfully submitted,

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Moderator

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