

## **Selma Committee - Report to Presbytery (2020)**

Dear fathers and brothers,

We thank you for the opportunity to continue serving as your Selma Committee for another year. Our charge has been to help the Selma congregation find a new pastor and to help improve the relationship between the presbytery and the congregation. Over this last year, we have sought to do these things to the best of our ability.

As it pertains to the search for a new pastor, we are happy to hear from the Selma session how things are progressing with Mark Brown and his upcoming internship with the congregation. We too believe his presence and ministry there will bring significant blessing to the saints and look forward to where things will end up. He is excited to be in Selma and the church is very excited to have him in Selma, which is great. In light of the presbytery's commitment to Selma, as evidenced in the past, we would love to see the presbytery help support this internship financially (see recommendation 1). In addition, if your congregation is looking for a way to help the saints in Selma, here is a great opportunity. Any and all gifts will be greatly appreciated by them.

In order to improve the presbytery's relationship with the congregation, our committee built on our previous efforts by spending a weekend in Selma this past August. While we were there, we spent considerable time conversing with the elders about the church and how we can continue helping them. On the Lord's Day, Adam Niess preached the Word and Michael LeFebvre administered the Lord's Supper. We also joined the session in the ordination and installation of their four new deacons, as well as fellowshiped with all the people over a good southern meal. By God's grace, we believe the relationship between Selma RPC and the Great Lakes-Gulf Presbytery has improved significantly over the last five years and we thank the Lord for His work.

Since 2015, it has been our pleasure to serve you and the Selma church on this committee, but we now believe it is time for us to be dismissed. As said above, both the search for a pastor and the health of the relationship seem to be in a much better

place than they were five years ago. What's more, two of our members (Jerry O'Neill and Adam Niess) currently serve on the Selma session and they will be able to continue the work that we have started. Again, we thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the Selma church on this committee. May the Lord Jesus continue to build His church in Selma, Alabama!

Sincerely in Christ,

Richard Blankenship, secretary

Michael LeFebvre

Adam Niess, chairman

Jerry O'Neill

### **Recommendations**

1. That presbytery give Selma RPC \$3,000 to support Mark Brown's internship.
2. That this committee be dismissed.