### FAQ's re ECO



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### Q: What is ECO?

A: ECO stands for the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians.

#### **Q: Why is the Little Church moving to ECO?**

A: Moving to ECO enables the Little Church and Lakewoodgrace to continue doing ministry the way we are currently doing ministry. We are not of one voice on many issues: abortion, gun rights, capital punishment, political associations, gay marriage, etc. We are a church who has said our loyalty is with Jesus and to one another. Every other issue takes a back seat to our commitment to Jesus and to one another.

#### Q: Why is the Little Church "leaving" the PC(USA)?

A: The Little Church is looking for another denominational home because the PC(USA) is moving toward a constitution that will force pastors, elders, and deacons to ordain and marry LGBTQIA+ people. While this overture may not pass at this General Assembly, it will continue to be presented for vote in the upcoming General Assemblies until it does. When the constitution of the PC(USA) changes, the freedom of conscience that pastors and congregations currently enjoy will no longer be there.

#### Q: What changes when we move to ECO?

A: You will not notice any changes when the Little Church moves to ECO. We will continue to preach and teach the way we have always. We will preach from the Bible. We will continue to offer the love of Jesus to all sinners.

#### Q: What do we gain from joining ECO?

A: First, joining ECO will allow the Little Church and Lakewoodgrace to own our own assets and finances. Currently, the PC(USA) owns everything. Secondly, joining ECO will allow us to continue practicing ministry the way we are.

## Q: Are all people, including LGBTQIA people, welcome at the Little Church and Lakewoodgrace?

A: Absolutely! All sinners - gay, straight, white, black, red, yellow, republicans, democrats, etc. - are welcome because that's who Jesus welcomes to receive his forgiveness and life. All sinners. All sinners are welcome to the Little Church and Lakewoodgrace.

## Q: Will gay people be able to become members at the Little Church and Lakewoodgrace?

A: Absolutely! The only requirement we have for becoming members of the Little Church and Lakewoodgrace is that they be people who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior and submit to his teaching.

# **Q:** Can all members become ordained leaders at the Little Church and Lakewoodgrace?

A: All members are eligible for ordained leadership. When we see Jesus in their lives, when we see their pursuit of Christ's righteousness and kingdom, when the nominating committee sees them living with wisdom and serving God's people, such individuals are considered for nomination.

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