

Gracious Separation and Dissolution Agreement between  
United Presbyterian Church of Fountain Green, Carthage IL  
and the Presbytery of Great Rivers of the PC(USA)  
June 16, 2024

The Agreement is dated June 16, 2024, by and between the Presbytery of Great Rivers of the Presbyterian Church (USA), an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, by its' Administrative Commission (hereinafter "PGR") and United Presbyterian Church of Fountain Green, of 2767 E. CR 1900, Carthage, IL 62321-3318 (hereinafter "Fountain Green"), an Illinois not-for-profit corporation.

Fountain Green has discerned they no longer wish to be affiliated with the PC (USA) and has requested to be dissolved by PGR so they may become a independent congregation. The congregation voted in favor of being dissolved in a duly held congregational meeting held on June 16, 2024 with 27 votes in the affirmative. There were no negative votes received.

The parties agree to the following:

1. That the Presbytery of Great Rivers receive the report of Administrative Commission at the next Assembly (August 24, 2024), and concur to dissolve the United Presbyterian Church of Fountain Green, Carthage IL upon the receipt of an affirmative vote from the Assembly.
2. That the United Presbyterian Church of Fountain Green will reconstitute itself under the laws of the State of Illinois upon completion of the final paperwork with the Administration team.
3. That upon execution of the terms of the dissolution, the Presbytery of Great Rivers will grant all rights to the property and assets to the newly constituted congregation on the date of the completion of the final paperwork.

4. That the congregation of United Presbyterian Church of Fountain Green honor the trust clause of the Presbyterian Church (USA) by the payment of \$8505.00 to the Presbytery by July 31, 2024.
5. That all official books of Record (membership, baptisms, weddings, etc.) having been given to the Presbytery of Great Rivers on April 10, 2024, are to be placed in custody of the Presbyterian Historical Society for permanent safekeeping by 120 days after the approval of this agreement if the congregation and the AC negotiating with PHS on the congregation's behalf are unable to agree on an alternative means of providing copies of the records to PHS. The congregation will bear the costs of creating the records to be deposited with the Presbyterian Historical Society.
6. The parties agree that each party will bear its own costs and reasonable attorneys' fees. United Presbyterian Church of Fountain Green agrees to be responsible for any title charges, recording fees or similar fees related to carrying this Agreement into effect.
7. That the Presbytery of Great Rivers and leadership of the new congregation will assist any members of the United Presbyterian Church of Fountain Green who desire to remain in the PC(USA) to receive continued pastoral care and become members of another PC(USA) congregation.
8. That the new congregation, while receiving all who desire to become members, will not actively seek members from neighboring PC(USA) congregations.

(Signature page follows)

Signature Page

PRESBYTERY OF GREAT RIVERS acting by and through its  
Administrative Commission for United Presbyterian Church of  
Fountain Green, Carthage, IL

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Rev. Dr. Forrest Krummel, Moderator

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Rev. Elissa Bailey, Stated Clerk

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Presbytery Administrative Team/Trustee

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FOUNTAIN GREEN, Carthage IL

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**, Elders of the Congregation**

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Tracy Hocker, Secretary/Clerk of Session

**QUIT CLAIM DEED**  
(DRAFT)

The Grantor, **THE PRESBYTERY OF GREAT RIVERS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA), an Illinois Not-for-Profit Corporation**, of Peoria County, State of Illinois, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten and 00/100 Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, CONVEYS and QUIT CLAIMS to Grantee **UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF FOUNTAIN GREEN**, all of their right, title and interest in and to the following-described real estate, to-wit:

The West part of Lt One (1) in the Subdivision of the South Half of Section Twenty-eight (28), Township Six (6) North, Range Five (5) West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, described as follows:

COMMENCING at a point on the South line of Prairie Alley in the Town of Fountain Green, 138 feet East of the center of Bowery Street; thence South with the center of said Street, 215 feet to the Section lines between Sections 28 and 33; thence East 138 feet along said Section line; thence North to the Point of Beginning.

Parcel No.: 10-28-000-347

That part of Lot One (1) in the Subdivision of the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section Twenty-eight (28), Township Six (6) North, Range Five (5) West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, County of Hancock, State of Illinois, lying and being East of the parsonage property of the Presbyterian Church in Fountain Green, Illinois.

Parcel No: 10-28-000-345

All that part of the Northeast Quarter of Section Thirty-three (33), in Township Six (6) North, Range Five (5) West of the Fourth Principal Meridian in Hancock County, Illinois, more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING on the North line of the Northeast Quarter of said Section Thirty-three (33) at a point 1068.16 feet East of the Northwest corner thereof, thence running South 2° 25' East 247.5 feet to a point, thence North 87° 35' East 413.5 feet more or less to the Southwest corner of a tract of land conveyed by Iris Aleshire to Preston Lee Kimler and Bernice Kimler by deed recorded in the Recorder's Office of Hancock County, Illinois, in Book 270 of Deeds, page 195 on December 7, 1956, thence running North on the West line of said Kimer Lot 239.25 feet, more or less, to the North line of said Section Thirty-three (33), thence West on said Section line 367.5 feet more or less to the place of beginning and containing 2.00 acres, more or less, situated in the County of Hancock, in the State of Illinois.

Parcel No.: 10-33-000-422

Commencing at a point on the North line of Section 33, Township 6 North, Range 5 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Hancock County, Illinois, 1017.39 feet West of the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of said Section, thence South 2°25' East 247.5 feet, thence North 87°35' East 50.77 feet, thence North 2°25' West 247.5 feet, thence South 87°35' West 50.77 feet, to the place of beginning, subject to right of public in the

North 33 feet thereof for highway purposes, all situated in Township 6 North, Range 5 West of the Fourth Principal Meridian.

Parcel No.: 10-28-000-346

Situated in the County of Hancock in the State of Illinois.

Hereby releasing and waiving all rights under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of the State of Illinois.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2024.

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**THE PRESBYTERY OF GREAT RIVERS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA), an Illinois Not-for-Profit Corporation**

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**                    )  
**COUNTY OF PEORIA**                )

The undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the County and State aforesaid, does hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_, personally known to me to be the \_\_\_\_\_ of The Presbytery of Great Rivers of the Presbyterian Church (USA), an Illinois Corporation and personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that he signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument at his free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposed therein set forth, including the release and waiver of the right of homestead.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this \_\_\_\_\_ of October, 2024.

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Notary Public

**RETURN DEED TO:**  
United Presbyterian Church  
of Fountain Green  
2767 E. Co. Rd. 1900  
Carthage, IL 62321

**MAIL TAX BILL TO:**

United Presbyterian Church  
of Fountain Green  
2767 E. Co. Rd. 1900  
Carthage, IL 62321

Exempt under the provisions of Section 31-45(e)  
of the Illinois Real Estate Transfer Tax Law.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Seller, Buyer, or Representative

**PREPARED BY:****BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP**

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