

Grace Presbyterian Church of Hanover, Pennsylvania

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Presbytery of Philadelphia
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To The Presbytery of Philadelphia,

This is to advise you that the Congregation of Grace Presbyterian Church of Hanover, Pennsylvania met on Sunday, July 25, 2004 and voted unanimously to withdrawal from the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

The reason for withdrawal is because of the liberal, heretical views of justification by faith plus works that the Orthodox Presbyterian Church allows its ministers and elders to subscribe to and teach. We believe this to be a very serious error and a departure from the teachings of the Scripture and the Reformed Faith. Our session has worked diligently over the last several years to bring the Orthodox Presbyterian Church back to the teaching of God's Word and the Westminster Confession of Faith, but the "liberal" wing of the church has control. We agree with what Machen said back in 1923: If the liberal party has control of the church, then the conservatives should leave at whatever the cost. (*Christianity & Liberalism*, p. 160.)

For the Congregation,

Mr. Paul M. Elliott, Ruling Elder