



Praise the LORD for our Fellowship and Question and Answer Time with Emmaus Presbyterian Church

“[Through the Holy Spirit you] may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God” (Eph. 3:17-19).

Members of your PMA Home Missions Committee and your regional home missionary (Gerry Malkus, Ben Franks, and Charles Biggs) were delighted to meet this week for fellowship and a time of question and answer with the pastors, elders, deacon, and members of Emmaus Presbyterian Church (formerly Washington Immanuel Presbyterian). Your RHM has had the privilege of getting to know Pastors Kenneth and Emerson as beloved brothers over the past year, and they and members of the congregation have attended a few of our PMA fellowship events, including our December meeting of presbytery to be introduced to all.

We were warmly welcomed by the officers and members of the congregation on Lord’s Day evening, **February 16th, 2025**. It was a great blessing to get to know one another better, to read together from Psalm 16 and Ephesians 3:17-4:6, to joyfully sing together ‘*The Church’s One Foundation*’, and to enjoy encouraging fellowship and delicious hospitality!

This congregation of Emmaus Presbyterian Church desires to join the Orthodox Presbyterian Church because of our commitment to biblical teaching from God’s Word, our presbyterian government, our worship, and our commitment to the Westminster Standards as a summary of



biblical truth. This congregation is in the process of petitioning the Presbytery of the Mid Atlantic to be interviewed at our May 2025 meeting. Emmaus’s congregation is made up of **Pastors Kenneth Kim and Emerson Kim, Ruling Elders Oke-Youn Kim, Brian B. Choi, and Jong-il Shim, and Deacon Dan Han.**

Here are some testimonies from the leaders and members of Emmaus Presbyterian: *In our pursuit to be a healthy and biblical church community based upon sound doctrine, we have*

researched the OPC and pursued obtaining membership...Ours is a congregation that desires to learn to put Scripture before tradition, even when it means that we must go beyond our comfort zones of Korean culture that we are used to. Our congregants are eager to learn sound teachings and move away from teachings that have compromised fundamental biblical doctrine. In this desire, we feel that the OPC would be the best place to begin anew based on God's Word alone.

...We are committed to—and seeking—sound doctrine, church governance, and teaching. Specifically, the OPC's resolve to neither take away from nor add to the Bible is important to us. While the Korean Capitol Presbytery of PCA may offer a more bilingual context, I believe OPC's clear commitment to Scripture, sound doctrine, and Reformed worship align more closely with our theological convictions and desire to grow in the grace of God within a community that live out these truths.



Please pray for this beloved congregation as they continue to grow together in grace and love in God's word, and as they formally petition the Presbytery of the Mid Atlantic to join the OPC. Pray that our Home Missions team, your RHM, along with all the PMA would wisely and

graciously guide them, as we all seek to be faithful for the glory of God and the good and unity of Christ's Church.

In our Lord's prayer in Gethsemane recorded in John 17, He prays for His people to be one as He and the Father are one. This is a wonderful way in God's good providence of seeing this prayer of our Lord Jesus answered! **"...That they may be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, they also may be in us, so that**

the world may believe that you have sent me...that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and loved them even as you loved me" (John 17:21-23).



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