From the desk of Rev. Dr. Jeffrey J. Jeremiah



Dear Session Clerk and partner in the Gospel,

For 45 years, the Evangelical Presbyterian Church has been faithfully committed to Biblical and Reformed orthodoxy. That historic fidelity to God's Word and the Westminster Confession is in danger of being abandoned. At the 46th General Assembly next June, commissioners will be asked to approve the report of the Ad Interim Committee on Same Sex Attraction (AIC). If approved in its current form, it will open the door to the ordination of Teaching Elders, Ruling Elders and Deacons who are "currently experiencing same-sex attraction." Same-sex attraction is a synonym for homosexuality. It also acknowledges -- but does not fully reject -- the use of the term "gay Christian."

We who serve Jesus Christ in the EPC find ourselves in a defining moment. Now is the time to stand up and be counted. I write to you on behalf of a growing number of TEs and REs in the EPC who are deeply concerned about the future of the EPC. We ask that you join us by doing the following:

1. <u>Pray.</u> Pray with that the Lord Jesus Christ will protect His precious Bride, the Church and that those who stand for fidelity to biblical, Reformed orthodoxy will be bold, courageous as well as humble and civil as we take up this cause.

2. Get informed.

- A) Read the enclosed "Ten Points," which describes what will happen if the EPC approves the August 27 edition of the AIC report. If you haven't read that report yet, these documents are available online:
 - AIC Pastoral Letter: <u>tinyurl.com/pastorltr</u>
 - AIC Position Paper: <u>tinyurl.com/positionpapr</u> (note: no "e" in paper)
 - AIC Book of Government: <u>tinyurl.com/bookofgov</u>
- B) View "What's at Stake in the EPC" -- a recorded September 18th Zoom meeting -- on YouTube by searching for "What's at Stake in the EPC." It featured about 30 minutes of presentation and more than one hour of Q&A. It had over 100 participants and has received almost 300 views since it was posted.
- C) Plan to participate in "What's at Stake in the EPC 2" on Wednesday, October 22nd at 7 pm EDT. Here is the link to register for that event: <u>tinyurl.com/whatsatstake2</u>

3. <u>Act</u>.

- A) Read the enclosed Red Line Statement. If you agree with it, sign it online here: sites.google.com/view/epcopenletter/redlinestatement
 The Statement and signatories will be posted similar to the 2024 Open Letter.
- B) Have your Session pass the constitutional amendment available online at <u>tinyurl.com/epc-amend</u> and send it to your presbytery for action at its winter meeting.

4. Plan. For each TE at your church, you can send two REs to the 46th General Assembly. It will take place Tuesday, June 16 through Thursday, June 18 at Cherry Creek Presbyterian Church in Englewood, CO. Identify REs to accompany your pastor(s) and budget funds to cover the cost if you haven't done so in your 2026 budget.

Thank you for taking the time to read and consider this letter. God bless you and remember, He is risen!

Yours in Christ,

Jeffrey Jeremiah

Enclosures:

Ten Points

Red Line Statement