

## Visioning and Assembly Planning Committee Report

February 10, 2026

Dear friends and colleagues,

As we gather on Zoom for the first Presbytery meeting of the year, it's a great opportunity to reflect on the **essential questions of identity and calling**. For this reason our worship service tonight will highlight different aspects of our identity in Christ, and our learning opportunity will include both information about the features of our Presbytery and discussion time around the questions of who we are as a Presbytery and who God is calling us to be in this time and place. We look forward to energizing discussions in our small groups.

We are also excited to be working on a **"Big Conversations"** initiative for 2026, focused on gathering Presbytery leaders for learning and development around important issues for ministry in our time. We are planning to have "Big Conversations" happening both at designated times during assembly and at different times of the year, both in-person and electronically. A sneak peek of coming plans to be shared during the meeting!

In addition, our business at this gathering includes approval of changes to our ecclesiastical manual of administrations, including the separation of the VAP Committee into **2 separate groups: the Visioning Committee** (focused on looking forward and providing direction for the future of the Presbytery) and **Assembly Planning Committee** (focused on the logistics of Assembly Meetings according to our discerned priorities). We are hopeful this change will allow for greater progress on long-term work. You'll be hearing from these Committees separately in the future. Please let us know if you have interest in helping with either Visioning work or Assembly Planning, as Nominating is still looking for a couple more at-large members for both Committees and we'd love to have new voices.

Finally, don't forget to fill out your assembly evaluations! Keep your eyes open for an email after the assembly inviting you to share your thoughts.

With gratitude and hope,

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VAP Moderator