

Presbytery Meeting  
Feedback Results – March 6, 2018

1. What did you think was done well during this meeting?
  - Appreciated the break-outs being run in timely fashion. Good lunch 😊 Presenters allowed for “audience participation”.
  - Interesting workshops, good food – compliments to the cooks.
  - The disaster plans are wonderful – please follow up. Also, examples of “narrative budgets” are requested.
  - Disaster assistance touched on many aspects. Building diverse...pros and cons of humanity.
  - Enjoyed the workshops, would like to see more workshops however I would suggest that workshops be attended by one church delegate so that you can reduce the amount of time in workshop – assuming (2) delegates per church (which also includes minister) or allow additional delegates for those meetings. Divide and conquer! The education sessions. The worship service.
  - Variety of workshops on much needed topics.
  - I particularly enjoyed the “Creative Ways of Raising Funds for Mission”. Steve Keizer is an excellent presenter and always has invaluable information!
  - Executive Presbyter Rev. Dan Saperstein’s sermon. Disappointed in workshops.
  - Worship. Reconciliation Service. The Equipping time – all three.
  - The workshops were very good.
  - Worship service; building diverse and inclusive faith communities presentation was great. Creative ways of Raising Funds for Mission.
  - The meeting was good with education events. Worship was inspiring.
  - Worship was very good. Lunch was excellent. Worship was meaningful.
  - The stewardship and diversity committees. The disaster meeting I felt will alienate potential members; by locking all doors and posting guards.
  - Thank you for wonderful breakout sessions! Worship.
  - Workshops – finances – excellent; diversity – very good – overload of material. Preparedness – poor – only one presenter was necessary.
  - Worship is always meaningful; inspiring. Workshops – especially from Foundation on raising money for mission.
  - To work with Endowment and Diversity.
  - Food was excellent, including breakfast. Enjoyed hearing the Executive Presbyter Rev. Dan Saperstein preach – very much. The reconciliation piece was interesting – would have been great to have heard a little more. Liked hearing from Mission Coordination Committee – can we know more? We didn’t see anything on table. It is wonderful to have educational events.
  - Executive Presbyter Rev. Dan Saperstein’s sermon was inspiring! Jesus humbled himself by becoming obedient to death even death on a cross! Presbyterian Foundation presentation was excellent!

2. What would you suggest for upcoming meetings?
- Workshop leaders shouldn't read slides. Diversity workshop was too much in too little time!
  - No suggestions.
  - I still like the idea of meeting some time other than work hours.
  - Presbyterian Foundation – good presentation, lots of good info and ways to put it to use. Disaster Preparedness – Presenters basically read the slides (which were given out) – lost their place many times – did not keep my attention – too vague, not enough specific information. Unorganized presentation, they didn't always know which slide was being shown, hard to follow. Second portion – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance – much better, lots of good information, very clear and presented well. Building Diversity – Very interesting, especially the questions on the tables – coming from a very undiverse congregation, was helpful to hear.
  - Perhaps an advance memo that can tell new commissioners what to expect.
  - Wi-Fi connection information would be nice as it is available.
  - Explore ways our churches can interact, such as events.
  - Presentation on rural churches on embracing change in our community.
  - Only two education presentations, please. It was one too many.
  - Differing worship forms.
  - All good.
  - Church growing young family and young adults.
  - Tech – projected information was quite small. This should be looked at, but is easily correctable. The Workshop idea is good, but there was very little time for actual engagement over any of those – maybe going with just two would be more helpful? The Foundation came the closest to engaging, but even with that, the content was very surface level. I'm not sure it's the best things to bring someone here to just walk through a 30 minutes powerpoint – didn't learn anything about actually building diverse communities but it was a good introduction.
  - I believe the meetings are a little too scripted (cut and dried). Could we have a time near the end where commissioners could express what is on their heart? Limit one or two minutes each. Call it "open forum".