

Commission On Transformation and Innovation

Report to the Presbytery

February 12, 2025

Presbytery action needed: none

Actions taken by the commission: none

The Commission for Transformation and Innovation was formed by the presbytery beginning in January of 2025. The responsibilities of the commission are:

1. Assisting existing congregations to become more vital and active worshipping communities by providing guidance and resources.
2. Work with the presbytery, individual congregations and/or community organizations to identify, develop, and establish new worshipping communities.
3. Provide leadership and oversight of new worshipping communities.
4. Help to establish and promote partnerships through sharing resources between congregations and the community.

Full details of the commissions responsibilities are in the presbytery's manual of operations.

Members of the Commission

<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>
Keith Benze (chair)	John Roller	Shawn Barkley
Ginny Shanda	Mary Weese	Darnaby Kerns
	Juanita Spangler	Lisa Culpepper

The commission met for the first time on January 16, 2025. We are grateful to Beaumont Presbyterian Church for hosting that meeting and providing wonderful refreshments. Following is a summary of that meeting:

Commission Assignments

- Juanita will be the representative from our commission to Urban Village.
- Keith was elected to the commission for A Gathering Place in Morehead and will continue in that role.
- Lisa will continue to work with Meadowthorpe Presbyterian Church to understand how the commission can help to support their efforts towards revitalization.

Resources

The commission began their discussion about the resources that will be needed to fulfill our responsibilities. This will be an on-going conversation as we determine the needs of our congregations and learn more about what resources are available both inside and outside of our presbytery. Representatives of the commission attended an missional entrepreneurship

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immersion the end of January. A representative of the commission will also be attending a changing the culture of assessment in February.

Congregational Gatherings

We believe that it is important for congregations to talk about the work they are doing and to build connections to support each other. In an effort to promote these connections, the commission is discussing bringing together small groups of congregations. The point of these gatherings will be for us to pray with and for these congregations, and to let the churches talk about what they are doing, in hopes of building relationships between some of the churches. This will also be a time for the congregations and the commission to understand how the commission can support our congregations. More details will be announced in the coming months.

Meetings

The next commission meeting will be on February 27, 1:00pm at Beaumont Presbyterian Church. From that point forward, the commission will typically meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1 pm. The locations will be determined at the prior meeting.

If anyone has any questions or would like more information about the work of the commission, please contact Keith Benze at kcbenze@gmail.com or any member of the commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Keith C. Benze