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Weekly Missive

Decision 2020

PdC Task Force Report



[Click Here to read the Report](#)

You may have heard we will be having an election in November. I have ZERO desire to write about that election today. With all due respect to what will happen November 3rd, I am more focused these days on the vote that will take place on October 17th.

Walk with me down memory lane.

The date was October 2019. The place was the sanctuary at First Presbyterian Church of Globe. The budget was being presented. For several years prior, Presbytery de Cristo had run a deficit budget, and our administrative reserves were not going to last. We had two to three years reserve before we started bouncing checks. (Okay, perhaps that is a bit of hyperbole, but our financial situation was not good.) I had gone on record as saying we had two options: either a huge increase in per capita or seek a merger with the Presbytery of Grand Canyon.

The presbytery chose option #3.

Instead of the dichotomy I had presented, the presbytery discerned a third option. In its wisdom, and in very Presbyterian-like fashion, it asked the Leadership Commission to create a task force to study the situation. In October 2019 the presbytery agreed to a six dollar increase in 2020 per capita with the understanding that this would only be a one-year increase and Leadership Commission return in October 2020 with options for the presbytery's long-term sustainability.

The time has come to unveil our options.

The task force report found on our website (see above for link) presents three options. Option A is to become an Independent Presbytery decoupled from Grand Canyon. Option B is to revise the shared staffing plan with Grand Canyon in terms sustainable for Presbytery de Cristo. Option C is to become a "New Creation" Presbytery through a merger with Grand Canyon. The task force report includes per capita and staffing implications for each option and will be sent to pastors and clerks on Monday morning, for those who do not read this missive.

Because the report is sufficiently lengthy and the topic sufficiently momentous that due diligence requires thoughtful reflection, there will be four Zoom Town Hall meetings to describe and discuss the three options presented in the report. These Town Hall meetings will be an opportunity to delve deeper into the different options, ask questions, and be in dialogue together before our October 17 presbytery meeting when we will vote on which option we will choose for our life together. (Grand Canyon's meeting is November 14, and they also will vote on three options.)

On behalf of the Leadership Commission and the task force, I ask that Sessions elect their commissioners to presbytery early enough that commissioners can read the report and attend one of the Zoom Town Hall meetings, which will be held at the following times:

Saturday, 9/26 at 9:00 a.m. –

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87403615170?pwd=ZUpCdNra3p5K2o1U3E1TzR2QW9XQT09>

Tuesday, 9/29 at 1:00 p.m. –

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87541651251?pwd=Vm1Td0dXb3FjR25VYVg5bGsrVmp0dz09>

Saturday, 10/3 at 9:00 a.m. –

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84966423265?pwd=LzJvQ2wyUkVNMVpqVDIObnorSFIBUT09>

Thursday, 10/8 at 6:00 p.m. –

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86899005839?pwd=WIRRY3cwVFhmTzJTQk5LODhIbIRQZz09>

As we move toward a season of discernment as a presbytery, I pray our dialogues will be seasoned with the Spirit's wisdom and God's grace as we seek to live as Christ's Body.

Grace out,
Brad Munroe

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Montlure Camp Fall 2020 Update

Please join Montlure Camp to hear the latest on the impact of our mission and ministry, even in the midst of a global pandemic. You will hear from our Camp Director and our Council President as we discuss the challenges of covid-19, the success of our 2020 camp season, the overall direction of our program, the progress and work at our site in Greer, and the status of our ministry.

Join us at either 10am or 4pm on Saturday, September 12th. Please fill out the short RSVP form to let us know you will be attending, and to access the virtual meeting information. Information at the morning and afternoon sessions will cover the same material.

RSVP: <https://bit.ly/33Q6fiw>

Email camp@montlure.org for any questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

12- Montlure Zoom

[26- Task Force Town Hall via Zoom- 9 a.m.](#)

[29- Task Force Town Hall via Zoom- 1 p.m.](#)

OCTOBER

[3-Task Force Town Hall via Zoom- 1 p.m.](#)

[8-Task Force Town Hall via Zoom- 9 a.m.](#)

17- Presbytery meeting via Zoom



STEWARDSHIP TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

1- Representative Maggie Harmon will be hosting a workshop that looks at stewardship in the context of being in the midst of pandemic, and major social stressors. It's FREE and will offer some theory around how we approach our lives as more holistic experiences of stewardship and some practical tips that can be applied right now (even as we remain in virtual community or move to hybrid functioning). There are two sessions on different days, one morning, one afternoon

- <https://www.presbyterianfoundation.org/stewardship-pandemic-and-social-change/>

2- Stewardship Kaleidoscope will be online this year, three morning sessions over subsequent Tuesday's starting in late September. I have a number of scholarships available through the Foundation that will drop the cost from \$45 to \$25 for the entire program. If you have churches or groups you think would benefit from attending and could use the scholarship please just have them reach out to me and I will share the registration code. General registration is of course also available and you can get more

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7:30am - 12:30pm

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No walk-ins, by appointment only

All donors will receive a COVID-19 antibody test and a coupon via email for a free haircut at SportsClips.



FEMA

Churches Called to Bridge Gap with Law Enforcement

As our nation grapples with frayed relationships between law enforcement and some of our communities, while simultaneously navigating the uncharted coronavirus era, the leadership of the faith community is needed more than ever. It is clear, changes are needed in the ways in which police officers and citizens interact. However, public servants cannot make the necessary changes by themselves – they need the help of the community at large.

[Find out how your congregation can help](#)



THE BOARD OF PENSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

QUESTIONS FOR THE BOARD OF PENSIONS?

Our representative [Kristin Leucht](#) will be holding “Virtual Office Hours” for people who have questions about the 2021 benefits or just questions about benefits in general.

If there are pastors, church administrators, personnel committee members who have questions about our 2021 benefits, I will be holding “virtual office hours”. The office hours will be
Tuesday Sept. 15 - 11a.m.-12 p.m.

Thursday Sept. 17- 4-5 p.m.

Wednesday Sept. 23- 3-4p.m.

If you would like to talk to Kristin, email her at (kleucht@pensions.org) and she'll send you a link for the meeting. She is also available by appointment if needed.

Due to the pandemic, we have not only stopped worshipping in the normal fashion, we are zooming everything we possibly can to stay connected. We have decided we are not going to review any session books during the remainder of 2020. However, we are strongly encouraging each Clerk of Session to keep the books up to date. We know this might be somewhat more complicated, as sessions are also meeting by zoom in most cases. Our plan is to begin reading books the first quarter of 2021. Our plan is to schedule regional locations around the state for these reviews to minimize travel time and keep the groups small in number. We will be maintaining social distancing and I have no plans to eliminate the need for masks anytime soon, so I would plan on that. We will be sending out details as we approach 2021.



In the meantime, if you have questions, please continue to contact [Carol Gerlach](#) or [Jeanette Miller](#) to get answers to your questions.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Those impacted by COVID 19
- Those experiencing fires, hurricanes and other disasters

Resources

[Board of Pensions](#)

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[Presbyterian Older Adult Network](#)

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