



Presbytery of Great Rivers

Bringing Hope: Every Hour, Every Day

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Clerks of Sessions and Members of Great Rivers Presbytery,

What you have before you are the fruits of our ongoing transformational conversations around the presbytery, and most specifically the three online September townhalls where members of the presbytery specifically named together what kind of presbytery we wanted to be. The Great Rivers Presbytery Visioning Team has listened closely to what was lifted up, and from your contributions we have drafted the attached document of a 2020 Vision Statement that we hope will be able to take us forward into 2021 and beyond.

Before we can move further, we need *your* feedback. We, the Visioning Team, would love for you and/or your session to review this document and share with us your comments so it can better reflect who we are and where we are going together. It is our hope that any changes we make to our current model of presbytery can be guided by our aspirations expressed in this statement, so that ministry is centered and God is glorified.

Here is what we would love from you and/or your sessions:

- **“Does this reflect who you as a session (or validated minister, elder, etc.) feel we are called to be as a presbytery at this particular time?”**
- **“What specific changes would you suggest we make to better reflect what our aspirations should look like?”** (*feel free to mark on document and share that with us*)
- **“What would you like the Visioning Team to know as we continue our process?”**

We want to be accountable to each other and you. We want any structural transformations we make to most accurately reflect our shared hopes so that you can be best empowered for ministry where you are. We hope too that these conversations can move the invitation into this work beyond simply the committee membership and out where the rest of the presbytery is as well. As you reflect on the above questions, it might be helpful to consider how well this document speaks to your own local context. We are the presbytery together!

If possible, please have your session review this document before January 2021. Please send to the office at (office@greatriverspby.org) or 3601 N. Sheridan Road, Peoria, IL 61604. Let us know too if you have any questions! Thank you!

In this together,

The Visioning Team of Great Rivers Presbytery