Visioning Team Report April 20, 2024

Through our first two visioning team meetings we discussed how our role has contracted over time to a committee that evaluates and awards grants. While this is an important part of our ministry in the presbytery, our mandate is much broader. To draw from our bylaws "The Visioning Team leads and equips the Presbytery to live into its vision and mission" Further, "The Visioning Team encourages and facilitates mission within the Presbytery and individual churches through grants, challenges, partnerships, training and other support" (Article IX). We hope, as the year unfolds to spread our wings a bit through imagination, caffeination (for me at least) and good old fashion brainstorming. We began this journey by sharing our pie-in-the-sky dreams for presbytery.

In the April 8th meeting, we approved a grant for Covenant Conversations a workshop held in conjunction with East Iowa Presbytery for churches who wish to expand their welcome to LGBTQIA+ individuals. This is brought to us by Covenant Network of Presbyterians. It will be held next Saturday, the 27th of April, First Presbyterian Church, Davenport 8am to 5pm

We encourage everyone to explore how the visioning team can help you realize your church's own vision! The email for all correspondence, including grant applications should go to PGRVisioning@greatriverspby.org