

Olympia Presbytery Futures Survey

Welcome

Several months ago, the members of the Olympia Presbytery created a Task Force designed to discern the future focus and shape of the Olympia Presbytery. To accomplish such a task we need the help of the people who gave it to us...you.

SURVEY GOALS

The primary goal of the survey is to gather information. Specifically, information on ...

- 1) the current energy and satisfaction level of the people of the presbytery,
- 2) to what degree people agree with the proposed 3 core organizational roles of the presbytery (as described in section 3),
- 3) what additional ideas people might have for the future focus of the Presbytery.

In addition, we hope that this survey creates interest and elicits conversation.

SURVEY DIRECTIONS

In order to progress through the survey quickly, here are a few suggestions...

- The survey can be taken in as little as 20 minutes, but we recommend setting aside more time as there are several opportunities for open ended responses.
- Click the "Next" button to continue to the next page
- Click the "Previous" button to return to the previous page
- Click the "Exit the Survey Early" button if you need to exit prior to finishing. Your work will be saved and you can return at a later time to finish
- Click the "Submit" button if you believe husbands should submit to their wives...(just wanted to see if you were paying attention), instead click it to submit your survey

Please take some time to prayerfully offer an expression of God's Spirit within you.

* 1. Which one statement best describes your role within the Presbytery?

- Member of a congregation but none of the following
- Elder not on session
- Active session member
- Elder, deacon or member serving on a Presbytery Board or Committee
- Clergy
- Retired Clergy
- Presbytery Staff member
- Other (Please Specify)

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Core Organizational Roles of Olympia Presbytery

After prayer, discussion and reflection upon the 27 responsibilities of a presbytery listed in G-11.0103 the Futures Task Force identified three core organizational roles which give focus to the purpose of the Olympia Presbytery. These three organizational roles are:

ROLE #1

Foster RELATIONSHIPS among congregations and among Ministers of Word & Sacrament

ROLE #2

Facilitate faithfulness to our Presbyterian POLITY.*

ROLE #3

Shape and encourage a MISSIONAL focus in our congregations.

*(Polity: policies, procedures & principles expressed in the Presbyterian Book of Order)

2. Is there a core role you would add?

3. Is there one you would delete or word differently? If so, how?

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Core Organizational Role #1: FOSTER RELATIONSHIPS

4. How important do you think it is for your congregation to have a relationship with other Presbyterian churches in our Presbytery?

Not important Slightly important Moderately important Very important

5. How important do you think it is for you personally to have a relationship with people in other Presbyterian churches?

Not important Slightly important Moderately important Very important

6. How much of a role should Olympia Presbytery have in fostering these relationships?

No Role Minimal Role Moderate Role Large Role

7. How important do you think it is for ministers to have a collegial relationship with each other?

Not important Slightly important Moderately important Very important

8. How much of a role should Olympia Presbytery have in fostering these relationships?

No Role Minimal Role Moderate Role Large Role

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9. How strongly do you support the following endeavors of Olympia Presbytery which in some way foster relationships among congregations and among ministers?

	Very unsupportive, this should not be our focus	Unsupportive	Indifferent	Supportive	Very supportive, we should do more stuff like this	N/A
Own and operate Sound View Camp	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Hold five Presbytery meetings per year	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Support annual clergy/spouse retreat	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Maintain a website	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Send a weekly e-mail newsletter	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Support joint mission efforts for places such as southwest Washington, New Orleans and Malawi	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Encourage elders and ministers to serve on various teams, committees, and projects	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Provide pastoral care to the pastors of the presbytery	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Host orientation for new pastors	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Facilitate pastoral mentoring program	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn
Host retired pastor luncheons	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn	jn

Please offer any additional comments

10. What are some new things we, as a Presbytery, could do or stop doing to foster relationships among congregations?

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Core Organizational Role #2: FACILITATE POLITY FAITHFULNESS

11. How important do you think it is for your congregation to remain faithful to the polity of our denomination as stated in the Book of Order?

Not important
 Slightly important
 Moderately important
 Very important

12. How much of a role should Olympia Presbytery have in fostering polity faithfulness?

No Role
 Minimal Role
 Moderate Role
 Large Role

13. How strongly do you support the following efforts of Olympia Presbytery to encourage faithfulness to our polity as expressed in the Book of Order?

	Very unsupportive, this should not be our focus	Unsupportive	Indifferent	Supportive	Very supportive, we should do more stuff like this	N/A
a. Hold five Presbytery meetings per year	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Quickly address congregational issues through an active and healthy Committee on Ministry (COM).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Support the work of Pastor Nominating Committees through a COM liason.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Nurture, support and hold accountable candidates for ministry through and active and healthy Committee on the Preparation for Ministry (CPM).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Presbytery committee reviews congregational minutes & membership rolls for form and completeness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Trustees review proposed property encumbrances and recommend action to Presbytery	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. Judicial committee facilitates the judicial process for disciplinary and remedial cases	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Provides education and training for personnel, treasurers, clerks, and other congregational officers.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i. Provides moderators for congregational and session meetings when needed.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please offer any comments or questions here

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14. What are some new things we, as a Presbytery, could do or stop doing to ensure a greater faithfulness to our polity?

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Core Organizational Role #3: ENCOURAGE A MISSIONAL FOCUS

15. How important do you think it is for your congregation to be missionally focused?

Not important
 Slightly important
 Moderately important
 Very important

16. Acknowledging that all of the following definitions are important, please prioritize each definition by how accurately it reflects what you think of when you hear the term 'missional.'

	5th Most Accurate	4th Most Accurate	3rd Most Accurate	2nd Most Accurate	Most Accurate
a. Meeting the physical, emotional and mental needs of people in the name of Jesus	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Helping to lead someone to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Inviting and welcoming people to be a part of what Jesus is doing in and through your congregation.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Seeking the peace (shalom) of the community in which God has placed your congregation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Another definition which is listed below	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Other definition

17. Does your congregation have a specific verse or passage that serves as a focus for what it means to be missional? If so, what is it?

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18. How strongly do you support the following efforts of the Presbytery to encourage a missional focus in congregations?

	Very unsupportive, this should not be our focus	Unsupportive	Indifferent	Supportive	Very supportive, we should do more stuff like this	N/A
a. Facilitate joint missional efforts for things such as disaster relief in places such as southwest Washington and New Orleans.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Facilitate joint missional efforts for places such as Malawi.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Facilitate joint missional efforts for new ethnic churches such as Cambodian Fellowship.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Facilitate joint missional efforts for redevelopment of ethnic congregations such as Church of the Indian Fellowship	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
e. Require congregational mission studies during times of transition	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
f. Support and fund educational seminars and workshops	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
g. General Presbyter serves as a resource for congregational leadership retreats and workshops on mission planning	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
h. Celebrate successful mission programs at Presbytery meetings	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
i. Distribute weekly e-news letter to inform congregations of missional opportunities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
j. Create space for an entrepreneurial creativity to occur that leads to joint missional efforts such as the 5 O'Clock Bread Company and the Faith & Film Festival	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
k. Own and operate Sound View Camp	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

19. What are some new things we, as a Presbytery, could do or stop doing to foster a missional focus?

20. Which statement more accurately reflects your belief?

- The focus of the Presbytery should ONLY be to support the individual missions of the congregations
- The focus of the Presbytery should MOSTLY be to support the individual missions of the congregations
- The focus of the Presbytery should be to BOTH support the individual missions of congregations and unite the congregations in a common mission.
- The focus of the Presbytery should MOSTLY be to unite the congregations in a common mission(s).
- The focus of the Presbytery should ONLY be to unite the congregations in a common mission(s).
- I don't know

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21. Which statement most accurately reflects your belief about the Presbytery's role in the missions of local congregations?

- The Presbytery's role should ONLY be to SUPPORT the missions of local congregations.
- The Presbytery's role should MOSTLY be to SUPPORT the missions of local congregations.
- The Presbytery's role should be to EQUALLY SUPPORT and INITIATE missions of/through local congregations.
- The Presbytery's role should MOSTLY be to INITIATE missions through local congregations.
- The Presbytery's role should ONLY be to INITIATE missions through local congregations.
- I don't know

22. Which statement most accurately reflects your belief about the Presbytery's role in the common mission of the Presbytery?

- The Presbytery's role should ONLY be to SUPPORT the common mission of the Presbytery.
- The Presbytery's role should MOSTLY be to SUPPORT the common mission of the Presbytery.
- The Presbytery's role should be to EQUALLY SUPPORT and INITIATE a common mission of the Presbytery.
- The Presbytery's role should MOSTLY be to INITIATE a common mission in the Presbytery.
- The Presbytery's role should ONLY be to INITIATE a common mission in the Presbytery.
- I don't know

23. Would you rather your church

- approach the presbytery when you need support for a missional effort
- have the presbytery approach you to support a joint missional effort
- both

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Intermission

Thank you for answering the previous questions regarding our proposed three core organizational roles. Your answers will help us determine whether we are on the right track or out in left field (but not determine if we are overusing stale cliches).

Now we would like to move into a series of questions which we hope will give us an accurate sense of you and your congregation's current perspective and future hope for the Olympia Presbytery.

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Your Congregation's Perspective

24. I feel like my church shares a similar mission and vision with most of the other churches in Olympia Presbytery.

Strongly Disagree Disagree Tend to Disagree Tend to Agree Agree Strongly Agree Don't know

25. I feel like my church shares a similar mission and vision with most of the other churches in the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Strongly Disagree Disagree Tend to Disagree Tend to Agree Agree Strongly Agree Don't know

26. How often has the mission, ministry and theological positions of other churches in the Presbytery impeded your congregations mission and ministry?

Never Occasionally Sometimes Often Almost Always Don't know

27. How important is it for your church to be Presbyterian?

Not important Slightly Important Moderately Important Very Important

28. If Olympia Presbytery were to cease to exist but your congregation continued, what would you most miss about the Presbytery?

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Your Personal Perspective

29. What would you say is your current level of satisfaction with Olympia Presbytery?

Very Dissatisfied

Moderately Dissatisfied

Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied

Moderately Satisfied

Very Satisfied

Don't know

30. What would you say is your current level of involvement in the work of Olympia Presbytery?

Very uninvolved

Moderately uninvolved

Neither involved nor uninvolved

Moderately involved

Very involved

Don't know

31. What would you say is your current level of awareness regarding the work of Olympia Presbytery?

Very unaware

Moderately unaware

Neither aware nor unaware

Moderately Aware

Very Aware

Don't know

32. When I think about my gifts, interests, and time I often feel that I have something to give the Presbytery but don't know how to give it.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Tend to Disagree

Tend to Agree

Agree

Strongly Agree

Don't know

33. What is your current level of hope for the future of the Olympia Presbytery?

Very unhopeful

Moderately unhopeful

Neither hopeful nor unhopeful

Moderately hopeful

Very hopeful

Don't know

34. In order to make significant progress toward your vision for our Presbytery, how much change will be required?

Almost no change

Small change

Moderate change

Large change

Drastic change

Don't know

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35. If you think that change is needed, please list 2-3 ways you think the Presbytery needs to change.

36. How willing are you to personally invest in the change that needs to occur?

Not at all willing

Slightly willing

Somewhat willing

Very willing

Extremely willing

Don't know

37. What would need to happen for you to increase your commitment and support of Olympia Presbytery?

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Questions For Those Who Dream Dreams

The following questions are for those who want a little more space to express your thoughts, hopes and dreams. The Futures Task Force would love to have your opinion, but if you do not have the time, feel free to skip to the last section.

38. If we could not fail and resources were no issue, what would you love to see our Presbytery be and do?

39. Where do you see Christ most vividly in our Presbytery?

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Personal and Congregational Details

40. My gender is...

Male

Female

* 41. My age is...

Below 19

19-24

25-34

35-44

45-54

55-64

65-74

75 or older

42. I have been involved with a congregation(s) in this Presbytery for...

Less than 1 year

1-2 years

3-5 years

6-10 years

11-20 years

20+ years

43. Would you describe the church to which you belong as...

Rural

Suburban

Urban

44. Would you describe the church to which you belong as...

Small (75 or few members)

Medium (76-125 members)

Moderate (126-250 members)

Large (251-500 members)

Very large (over 500 members)

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* 45. To what church to you belong?

- Aberdeen First Presbyterian Church
- Alder Presbyterian Church
- Bethany Presbyterian Church
- Buckley Community Presbyterian Church
- Chapel By the Sea Presbyterian Church
- Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church
- Church of the Indian Fellowship
- Cornerstone Presbyterian Church
- Dupont Community Presbyterian Church
- Evergreen Presbyterian Church
- Fircrest Presbyterian
- Fruitland Presbyterian
- Harrison Square Presbyterian Church
- Hoquiam First Presbyterian Church
- Immanuel Presbyterian Church
- Kelso First Presbyterian Church
- Korean First Presbyterian Church of Tacoma
- Korean Presbyterian Church of Olympia
- Korean United Presbyterian Church-Tacoma
- Lacey Presbyterian Church
- Lakewood Presbyterian Church
- Little Church on the Prairie
- Longview Presbyterian Church
- Manitou Park Presbyterian Church
- Marine View Presbyterian Church
- Mineral Presbyterian Church
- Mission Woods Presbyterian Church
- Montesano Presbyterian Church
- Ocean Beach Presbyterian Church
- Onalaska Community Presbyterian Church

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- Packwood Community Presbyterian Church
- Parkway Presbyterian Church
- Puyallup First Presbyterian Church
- Shelton Presbyterian Church
- Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church
- Skyline Presbyterian Church
- South Beach Presbyterian Church
- Sumner Presbyterian Church
- Tacoma Central Presbyterian Church
- Tacoma First Presbyterian Church
- Tenino First Presbyterian Church
- Toledo Presbyterian Church
- Trinity Presbyterian Church
- United Church of Raymond
- United Churches of Olympia
- University Place Presbyterian Church
- Westminster Presbyterian Church - Chehalis
- Westminster Presbyterian Church - Olympia
- Westminster Presbyterian Church - Tacoma
- Woodland Presbyterian Church
- Longview Community Church (affiliated)
- Urban Grace (affiliated)
- I do not belong to any of these churches
- I do not wish to indicate which church I belong to

46. Please write any additional comments or questions you have here

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47. If you feel comfortable being contacted about some of the answers to this survey, please give us your contact information. Thank you.

Name:

Address:

City/Town:

State:

ZIP/Postal Code:

Email Address:

Phone Number: