

Continuing the Conversation

Virtual Leadership Roundtables Return This September

This past April, **18 moderators and board chairpersons from 16 congregations across the Atlantic Northeast District** gathered online for our first Virtual Leadership Roundtables for Moderators & Board Chairs. As they listened to one another, it became clear that congregations across our district are wrestling with many of the same questions, opportunities, and challenges.

The roundtables were intentionally designed as conversations rather than workshops. Instead of presentations or lectures, leaders listened to one another, shared practical ideas, and reflected together on what faithful leadership looks like in a changing ministry landscape.

Several common themes emerged from the discussions, including:

- Shifting board meetings from routine reporting to strategic leadership.
- Adapting organizational structures for smaller congregations.
- Strengthening ministry with children, youth, and families.
- Developing and equipping new leaders.
- Building a sustainable culture of volunteer engagement.

Although the topics varied, they all pointed toward a deeper question: How do we lead faithfully in a changing world?

Participants appreciated having a trusted space to learn from one another, exchange practical ideas, and discover that many congregations across the district are navigating similar questions. At the conclusion of the gatherings, they encouraged the district to continue offering these opportunities for connection and conversation.

We listened.

The next Virtual Leadership Roundtables will be held on **Wednesday, September 10**, and **Monday, September 14**, at **7:00 p.m.** Both sessions will follow the same format, allowing moderators and board chairpersons to choose the date that works best for their schedule.

Whether you participated in April or will be joining us for the first time, we invite you to continue the conversation. Together, we can learn from one another, encourage one another, and strengthen the leadership of our congregations across the Atlantic Northeast District.

Register here by September 9: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/wkmvxpg>

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