

‘Telling Our Stories’ is focus of March presbytery meeting

As a connectional church, the work we do together at Presbytery meetings is an important expression of this common commitment. Our five meetings this year are framing both time and content around the mission of the Presbytery (“support congregations, equip leaders, towards God’s mission in the world”) and our overall theme for the year, “Nurturing thoughtful expressions of God’s mission in the world.”

Building on that theme, the March Presbytery meeting will invite us to consider “telling the stories essential to the church’s life.” The Rev. Rebecca Anderson, who will join us as guest presenter in the meeting and at an afternoon workshop following the meeting, is co-pastor of a 2-year-old church plant in Chicago called Gilead. At Gilead, each service includes a couple of people telling crafted, true stories as part of the church’s mission to “tell true stories that save lives.”

Here’s how Rebecca is thinking about her time with us:

As we take up “telling the stories essential to the church’s life,” how might we think about storytelling as a practice in worship and beyond. To expand our sense of what “counts” as a story to tell in church. To imagine how storytelling might, in our own communities, build community and deepen relationships and, yes, even save lives.

Saturday morning’s plenary will introduce some ideas any congregation could put into practice right away — and invite you to think more deeply about some longer-term projects too. Stay for the afternoon’s active and interactive workshop to strengthen your own skills of crafting and telling stories.

Look for more details in the weeks to come.

The Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area will meet Saturday, March 16, beginning at 9 a.m., at the Korean Presbyterian Church of Minnesota in Brooklyn Park. Please join us.