

Greetings in the name of our Risen Savior!

These are times of great change and upheaval in the church, as well as a season of immense opportunity for growth and renewal. As the leadership of North Central California seeks to be of support to congregations and pastors across the region, we are initiating a process in which we are seeking your input. In the past year our presbytery voted on the following vision statement and core values, toward which we are focusing our energy, imagination and resources:

*North Central California Presbytery is called, as disciples of Jesus Christ, to*

*Gather in love*

*Equip for service*

*Inspire Transformation*

**Utilizing these underlying gospel values:**

*bold witness, spiritual growth, community, outreach, hospitality, radical love, equity and justice*

With vision and values in mind, presbytery leadership is seeking to create greater focus and more explicit goals to guide our decision-making and financial priorities as we move forward. An essential element of that is to hear from our congregations regarding their current priorities, values and sense of calling as we move into a “late-stage pandemic” landscape, in a nation greatly divided, with communities greatly in need. With this letter you will find three questions that we are asking all NCCP congregations respond to by July 30<sup>th</sup>. The responses can be sent to Tayler Stone, Communications and Data Manager of North Central California, [cdmanager@nccpresby.org](mailto:cdmanager@nccpresby.org) and will provide guidance to presbytery leadership over the coming year/s. It is essential we hear from each church so that presbytery leadership is aware of your vision and needs and can respond appropriately. Without the voice and perspective of each congregation in our presbytery, there is the possibility that the presbytery will miss out on ways to gather, equip and inspire ALL congregations in the years ahead.

Thank you for taking time to gather leaders in your congregation for prayerful and thoughtful reflection on the questions attached to this letter, that together we may better serve the risen Christ and find evermore meaningful and expansive ways to live out our calling as disciples of Christ. All responses should be submitted by **September 5th**.

Your partners in ministry and mission,

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