

## Session 2 Reflection Questions

What experiences have you had as a congregation that have led you to look at ministry in a transformative, creative way?

Reflect on your history as a congregation. What challenges (economic, theological, staffing, facility, cultural) have you faced that have caused you to innovate and be transformed in your approach to ministry.

How do you allow scripture to nurture you as a leader? How do you allow the confessions to guide you? Is there an area of growth you'd like to explore in either of these areas?

What are some ways that your session or board of deacons can engage together in strengthening your spiritual lives together as you serve?

What experiences have you had together that have led you to look at your life in ministry together in a transformative way? What are some ways that you can move forward in transformation together?

What Scripture passages have been foundational in your faith journey?

What do you see as benefits to the councils of the PC(USA)?

Reflect on each of these phrases, taken from F-1.0301. How do you see your congregation embodying these words?

- The Church is to be a community of faith, entrusting itself to God alone, even at the risk of losing its life.
- The Church is to be a community of hope, rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that, in Christ, God is making a new creation. ...
- The Church is to be a community of love, where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.
- The Church is to be a community of witness, pointing beyond itself through word and work to the good news of God's transforming grace in Christ Jesus its Lord.

Reflect on a time in the life of your church where reconciliation was needed OR reflect on a time in your own life where reconciliation was needed. Did reconciliation occur? If so, how? If not, why not? What were the factors that prevented reconciliation?

### “HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENT”

Think of one person you know who is invested in the ministry of your congregation: someone who may be behind the scenes, someone who faithfully gives of their time and energy for the Body of Christ, a Sunday School teacher, food pantry volunteer, office volunteer, usher. Reach out to the person this week and express gratitude for their gifts in ministry and to acknowledge them as a valued member of this Body.