

Presbytery of the Highlands
Stated Meeting
March 12, 2024
Church Development Team Report

Items for Consent Agenda:

None.

Items for Action:

None.

Items for Report:

CDT-1

The Team had a day long retreat on January 31 at the Presbytery Office. We were given an overview of the Turn the Page Discernment Study.

Time was spent brainstorming ideas for the upcoming year for how our team can best assist the congregations of our Presbytery.

It was narrowed down to the following:

- 1. Crisis of leadership: membership and pastoral
- 2. Firekeepers (Innovation Conversation) — Steve Shussett plans to start this after Easter
- 3. Earth Care: Matthew 25

CDT-2

The Team has been overseeing Technology grants. This grant process has come to a close.

CDT-3

The Team oversees the Quick Start Grants for \$1,000 based on Matthew 25. There is more information on the Presbytery website.

CDT-4

The Team approved the Turn the Page Discernment Study for the First Presbyterian Church of Newton.

CDT-5

The Team is discussing possible speakers for 2024. More information to come.

CDT-6

The following churches have been removed from the list of congregations in transition:

- Wharton United Community Church – finished study last fall.
- First Presbyterian Church of Newton – study has been approved
- Fairmount Presbyterian Church, Califon
- Delaware Presbyterian Church
- First Presbyterian Church of Oxford at Hazen

CDT-7

The Team is currently supporting nine congregations that are in transition.

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