

Presbytery of the Highlands
Stated Meeting
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Synod of the Northeast Mission and Ministry
Commission Report

This year's Synod of the Northeast's theme is, "**Reimagining the Church in the World: Bold in Faith, Transformative in Mission, United in Christ,**" resonates profoundly with the scriptural call from Isaiah 30:21: *"When you turn to the right or when you turn to the left, your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This is the way; walk in it.'"*

The Mission and Ministry Commission Leadership Team met with the Discernment Team early February. The purpose was to chart a course of action to be presented at a November Synod Assembly. There are many pieces being put together, and one overall mandate is strengthening presbytery capacity for mission.

The Synod of the Northeast's website (www.Synodne.org) includes a copy of the Discernment Team Phase II report. You can get monthly updates of the Synod's work by emailing info@synodne.org

The Core Values of the Synod Administrative Working Group are:

- **Spirit-Led Innovation** – We embrace the movement of the Holy Spirit to inspire creative and courageous approaches to ministry, leadership, and social transformation.
- **Radical Welcome & Inclusion** – We cultivate a community where all voices are honored, differences are celebrated, and all people find belonging in the work of God's kingdom.
- **Justice-Driven Collaboration** – We commit to working together across boundaries to address systemic injustices and promote equity, liberation, and flourishing for all.

- **Adaptive Leadership & Growth** – We invest in developing leaders and structures that are responsive, flexible, and equipped to navigate the evolving needs of our communities and faith traditions.

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