

Presbytery of the Highlands
Stated Meeting
Congregational Vitality and Discernment Team
May 12, 2026

Items for Consent Agenda:

None.

Items for Action:

None.

Items for Report:

CVDT-1

The Church Development Team is now: the Congregational Vitality and Discernment Team.

The newly formed team met with our Presbytery Leader, Jeanne Radak in January to begin discerning our role and responsibilities within the life of the presbytery.

The purpose of the Congregational Vitality and Discernment Team is to:

- **Understand and embrace the current story: Help congregations and new worshiping communities recognize and celebrate their present ministry context.**
- Discern and shape future ministry narratives: Guide congregations in imagining and implementing new ministry directions that align with God's mission.
- Faithfully conclude ministry seasons: Support congregations in closing ministry chapters with integrity when a season of active ministry ends.
- Provide resources and practical ideas: Equip congregations to carry out their ministries effectively in their unique contexts.

CVDT-2

We have spent time during our Feb, March and April meetings discussing ways to resource congregations in embracing their current story.

CVDT-3

Available Grant: Who is my neighbor? No requests received.

This grant is based on a demographic study provided by MissionInsite. The Presbytery offered a webinar with MissionInsite on January 29. This recording can be found on the Presbytery webpage. Grants are for \$1,000

CVDT-4

Sanctuary and Seed: nothing to report

CVDT-5

CDT is currently overseeing five churches in transition. One congregation has just finished their discernment process. Three are actively engaged in the study. One will begin in the next few months. Each of these congregations is assigned a liaison from CVDT and we are currently working on defining what the liaison responsibilities are to these churches in transition.

Respectfully Submitted by,
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