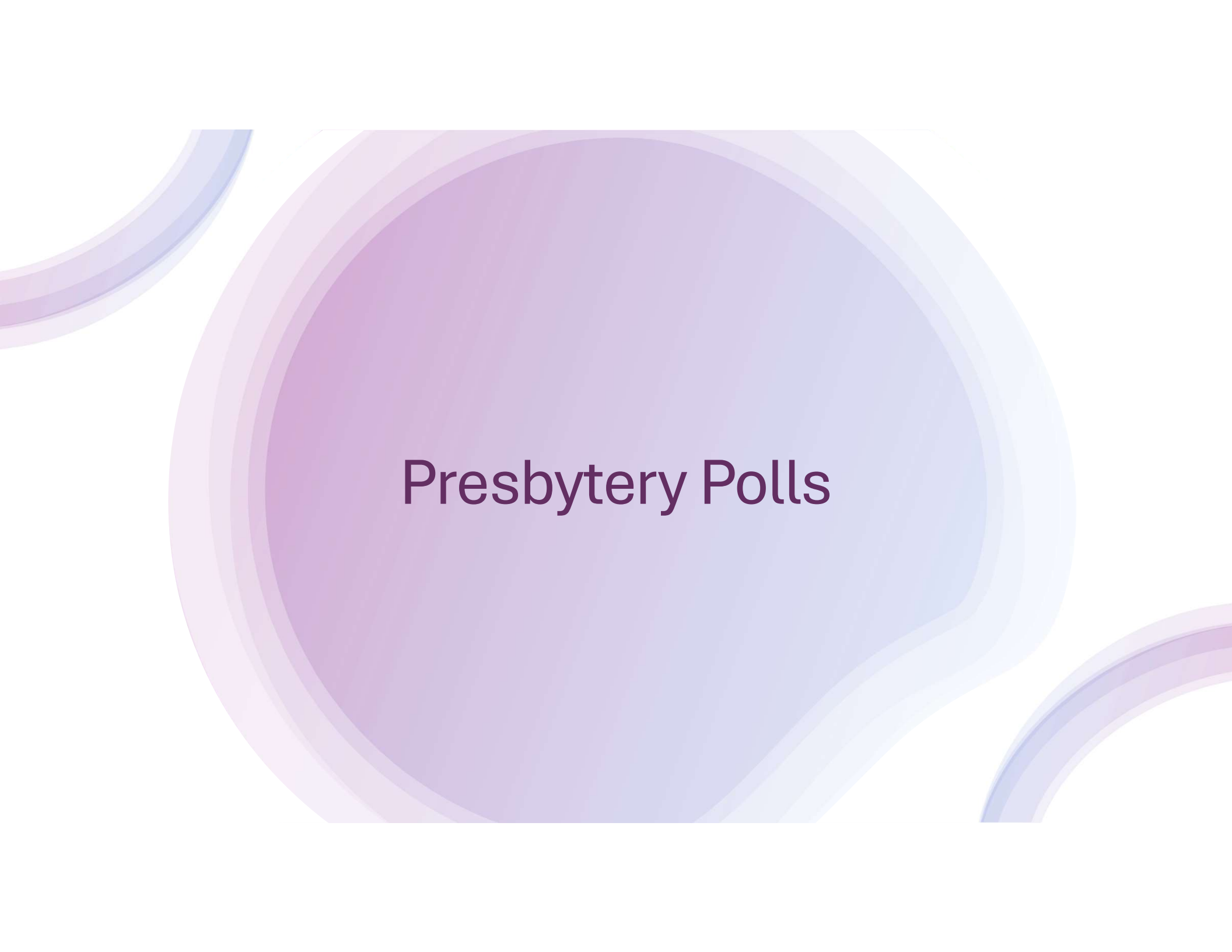
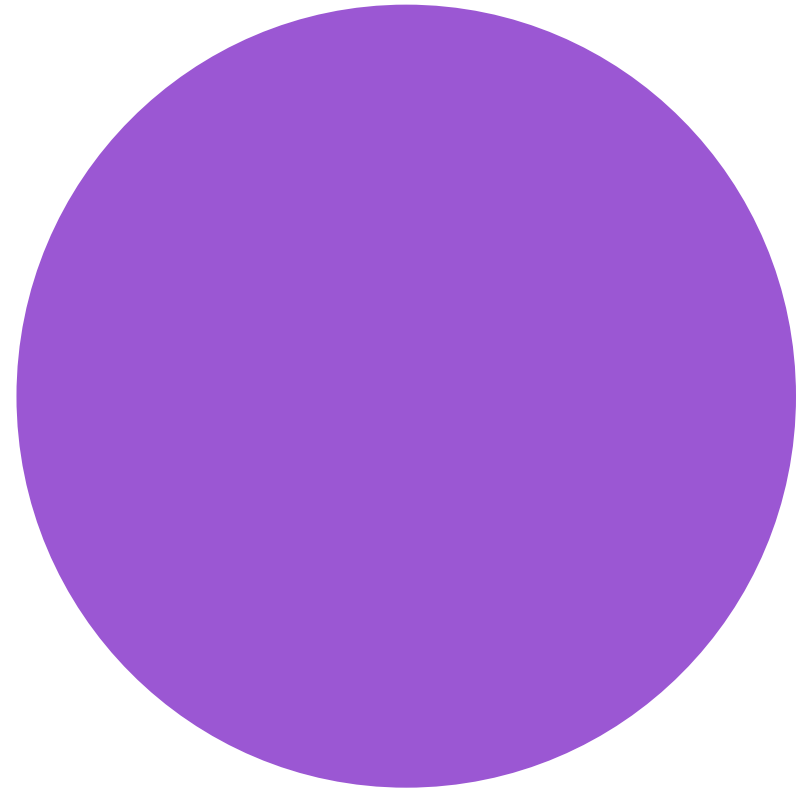




Presbytery Polls

Online Engagement Poll



Online Engagement

Worship

Majority provide some sort of online worship through live streaming or recording for posting later

Bible Study

Both In person Bible Study and Hybrid Bible study are provided on a regular basis.

Session Meetings

Hybrid Session meetings have an edge over all in person meetings.

Online Engagement

Committee Meetings

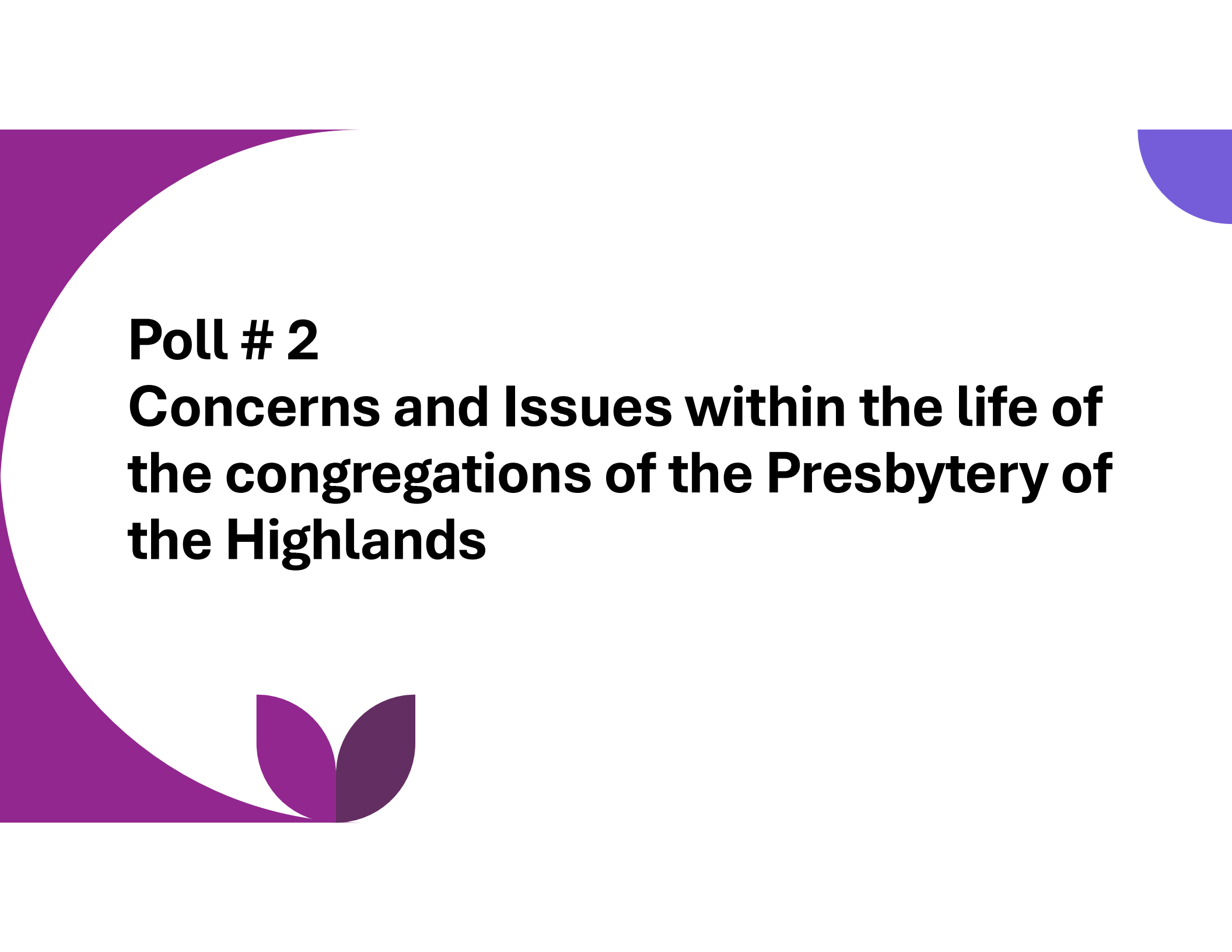
Hybrid Committee Meetings most popular. In person meetings was a bit behind with all online meetings a very distant from in person.

Church Newsletter

Most responded that they provide a combination of electronic newsletters/communication. A few do not have newsletters.

Social Media

Church webpage and Facebook are the top two forms of electronic engagement followed by email services. Instagram and Google Apps were also on the list for engagement.



Poll # 2

**Concerns and Issues within the life of
the congregations of the Presbytery of
the Highlands**

Concerns and Issues

Finance and Stewardship

- Financial Sustainability – what is a long-range financial plan?
- Annual Stewardship Campaign – more than just the annual letter
- Decline in giving – what are the root causes?

Church Leaders/Church Development

- Visioning with Church Leaders/Discerning God's Call for the congregation.
- Decline or Lack of leaders/volunteers to fill session or committees
- Elder/Deacon/Officer Training

Faith Formation

- Adult Faith Formation- How do we develop lifelong learners?
- New Members curriculum – relevant and interesting
- Youth and Children Faith Formation – more than just youth groups and Sunday school?

Concerns and Issues

Mission and Ministry Engagement

- Determining how to be relevant and connected to the local community
- Mission Outreach in our community
- Not enough people to do the mission work

Worship

- We don't have community with those who are online? How do we build the online community?
- People who have not returned from the Pandemic
- Decline in music/choir participation/challenge to find musicians.

Communication

- How to connect with those who have drifted away?
- How to connect with our online community?
- Engagement on social media and social media strategies



Concerns and Issues

Pastoral Leadership

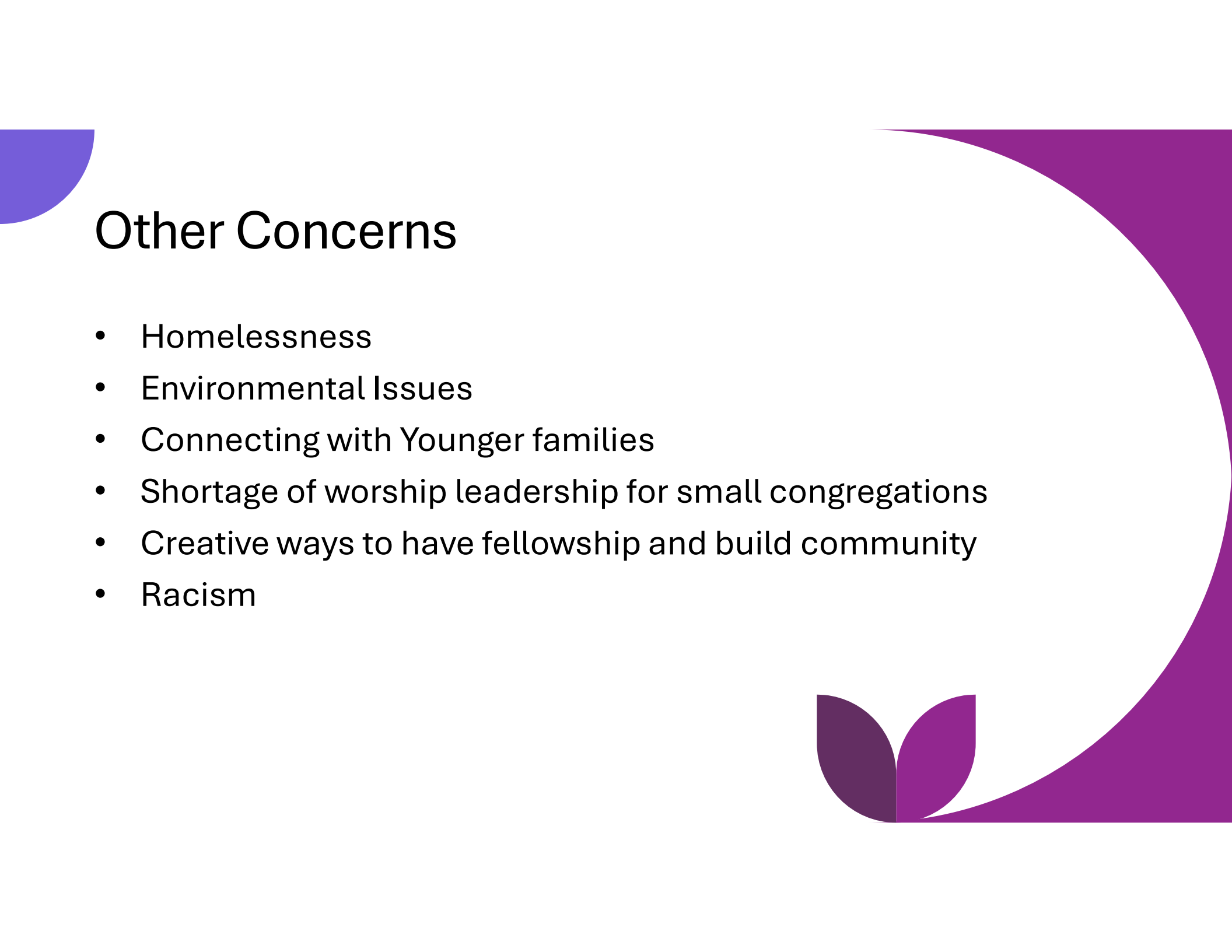
- We don't know how to evaluate our pastor to help him/her improve
- Not enough pulpit supply
- Pastor is overworked

Larger Community Concerns

- Food Insecurity
- Navigating the polarity of the upcoming election cycle
- Mental Health for youth and young adults tied with Mental Health for Seniors/aging relatives

Property

- Maintenance issues
- Capital needs for Property
- We don't know how to maximize our property's potential



Other Concerns

- Homelessness
- Environmental Issues
- Connecting with Younger families
- Shortage of worship leadership for small congregations
- Creative ways to have fellowship and build community
- Racism