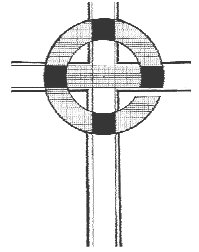




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Dear Elizabeth Presbytery Pastors, Clerks, Sessions and Leaders,

Advent blessings and Christmas joy to you. Please find attached reflections from small group discussions held at the November 22 meeting in Woodbridge. The Mission Study Task Force is continuing to work as we discern where God is leading us as congregations working in this time and place to make disciples and shine Christ's light.

Please discuss attached materials at upcoming session meetings, forward to commissioners, and encourage for church leaders to discuss these materials. Attached are:

- Notes from 8 small group discussions on Nov. 22 on purpose of the presbytery
- current sample purpose statements from other presbyteries around the country
- Description of the presbytery from current Book of Order
- First Draft of a purpose statement for Elizabeth Presbytery

We would like your feedback on the purpose statement and any other reflections. We are gathering input from congregations so we look forward to hearing from you.

Please send feedback to Rev. Cynthia Cochran-Carney
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In Christ,

Rev. Cynthia Cochran-Carney
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