

Report of the Missional Presbyter
November 19, 2022

Since my last report of September 13...

Besides the regular meetings of committees and study groups, meetings with pastors in the southern and northern districts, preaching and celebrating with churches, here are a few highlights of other activities:

- I sat on a panel discussion on churches and climate change for Interfaith Power and Light
- Campus Ministry – Nona Holy and I have been meeting with ecumenical partners to envision possibilities and identify funding possibilities
- Discerning God's call with several pastors to create the Alpha Studio for multi-faceted digital and personal connection for community, health, and education, as well as presbytery-wide sharing of video and production work.
- Planned and helped lead the annual pastors' retreat with Cindy Kohlmann and Shavon Starling-Lewis
- Attended the Delaware Lt. Gov. Faith Community gathering
- Attended the Association for Mid Council Leaders conference at Bon Secours on Improv and Church
- Continued with the Steering Committee of AMCL and also their Pilgrimage Planning Team for next year's trip to Montgomery, AL.

And most of all...

Vital Congregations

We have had some Facilitator Training and the Fourth Quarter Informational Session. There are ten wonderful people who have stepped up to train to be facilitators.

I also attended the PC(USA)'s Evangelism Conference and the Immersion into the Seven Marks at Montreat.

I met with folks from Atlanta Presbytery to learn about how other presbyteries have made VCI their own.

Now there is a team of folks working on the rubric for how we can walk alongside of congregations who are willing to explore what God might be calling them into in this next season of life. What partnerships might emerge? What creative shifts might we discover that can bring life to old, tired situations?

Pastor cohorts will begin in January!