

Article of Foothills enews
Recap Session II of Discernment Task Force

Roots of Discernment

Having heard God's Call to engage in a deep and broad reflection about what our Lord is leading us to do and be in the 21st century, Foothills Presbytery elected a Discernment Task Force to pray, think, study, vision and plan for how best to be Presbyterians connected together in common mission and purpose.

Meeting monthly since December, the Task Force has begun to grapple with the core issues of what our Constitution requires of us and what unique mission we face in the Upstate of South Carolina.

As we began to ask questions about our assignment, we prayed, listened and read scripture. The focus passage for our third gathering was Genesis 12: 1-4a:

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him,

We reflected on the passage and asked, "What in this passage jumps out to you?" and "How is this passage relevant to the task before us?"

Pondering our roots as God's people, our unique role as churches in the PCUSA and the requirements of our constitutional responsibilities, **We invite you to pray, read, listen and engage these same questions.** Begin the conversation with those in your midst, keeping in mind the core challenge and question before us:

What do we, the churches in Foothills Presbytery, need to do together that we can't do separately?