

DISCERNMENT TASK FORCE REPORT

NOVEMBER, 2015

Your Discernment Task Force continues meeting at least monthly as it moves towards having recommendations for the Presbytery regarding future structure, staffing, and budget. Our work has been both complicated and clarified by a series of major issues consuming the Presbytery's energy and attention the past couple of years:

- (1) Gracious Dismissal work with a few congregations and the sorting out of the resulting financial implications;
- (2) Preparation for and voting once again on constitutional amendments; and (3) Intense debate and focus over the future of the Buc Outdoor Center.

Our expectation is to be ready to present recommendations to you in the first half of 2016 with the goal of implementing the plans approved by Presbytery beginning in 2017. We ask for your continued prayers for us in this work, and we also ask that you pray for yourselves and our churches as you prepare to consider what we present, that this will prove to be a unifying and energizing process to help the churches of Foothills Presbytery turn the corner into the future.