



Greetings Ministry Partners,

I hope you all are enjoying the interruption of rhythm that summer often provides! Sermon series, altered worship times, vacations, camps, vacation bible school, special music – all things that break up our routine and often ask us to look at things a little differently.

As of this writing, preparations for the 2025 Operating & Mission budgets are well underway. The Budget & Finance Committee recently sent out guidance to each committee/commission for developing their budgets for the coming year. In that guidance, they shared what many in our churches already know to be true: the challenges of today are going to require us to look at things a bit differently.

2025 brings opportunity for new: new presbytery office space, new ways of imagining insurance, commissions/committees merging and realigning resources, and new initiatives. With each new possibility, we continue to hold the tension of how to do more with less. That's where the reimagining comes in – the change in perspective.

Over the summer, the hard work of reimagining will be shaped and molded by stories from across the Presbytery about who and what is important to us, culminating in our 2 budgets: Operating and Mission. Those budgets will reflect who we are and our vision of where we are going. Then, at the November Presbytery Meeting, you, the body of National Capital Presbytery, will review and vote on that vision in the form of those budgets.

Doing a new thing, reimagining, is hard work. I encourage you to pray for your colleagues AND engage with them on what programs and opportunities are important to you and the congregations you serve. Evaluate whose voices we hear and whose voices are missing. Dream about where we need to go next. Share your wonderings, questions, and conclusions.

I'm looking forward to the 2025 budget process and I hope you are, too!

As always, please reach out with any questions you might have about our budgets or their development process.

Blessing,

Heather