

Legacy Partnership Project

A Partnership with Foothills Presbytery, the Presbyterian Foundation



What will our congregation be known for in this corner of South Carolina?What gifts do we want to hand down to future generations?What are the strengths and challenges for our congregation at this time?What are we called to do next?

The Legacy Project is a time of discernment for congregations to identify gifts of the congregation, reflect upon their impact to the community, and plan for the future. Discernment is a gift from God, mediated through the presence of the Holy Spirit.

The 4-6 month process is a partnership with Foothills Presbytery, the Presbyterian Foundation, and a leadership team from the congregation.

- Who:Foothills Presbytery representative
Presbyterian Foundation representative
Two point people from the congregation (Typically Pastor & Elder)
Leadership team (or Session)
- When:Time to be determined between leadership team and Presbytery/Foundation.Typically spans 4-6 months. Each gathering is 60-90 minutes.

Gathering Overview:

1. **Covenant and Overview -** Create a covenant, overview of the Legacy Partnership process, clarify expectations, and answer questions

(4 weeks between gathering #1 & #2) (Financial Health Assessment conducted by the Presbyterian Foundation.)

2. Assessment Presentation

- a. Clearer Picture of Today's Church
- b. Giving Trends of Congregation: Strengths, Challenges and recommendations.
- c. Expense report
- d. General Statistics about Giving and Spending
- e. **Invitation** to read **Sail Boat Church** by Joan Gray and engage in forty days of prayer and discernment.

(5 – 6 weeks between gathering #2 & #3)

- 3. **Process & Reflect** upon discoveries, inspiration and learnings from Financial Presentation and forty days of prayer & discernment. Ask the question, what is next?
- 4. Vision- Create actions, goals, and intentions for "this is what God is calling us to do next."