

Where God is Calling Us

Summary of the Long Range Planning Final Report Worship, Connect, Learn, Serve



Introduction

In 2022, the Long-Range Planning Committee (LRP) of the session facilitated a year-long process of listening sessions, a congregational survey, a stewardship survey, and meetings, to discern together God's call for Georgetown Presbyterian Church for the next three to five years. The following three priorities encompass and summarize the findings of this process:

- A deep desire to continue to be grounded in scripture and deepen our own understanding of what scripture calls us to do in the world today.
 - Widespread concern about the many needs among marginalized people in our community and the world, especially food and housing insecurity, education gaps, and racial divides. Participants noted repeatedly that the needs are great, and they believe that as a congregation we have the desire and resources to respond.
 - The need for deeper connection within the congregation and the desire to ensure that we are caring for our own members. We want to preserve and nurture what we love about our church, strengthen our connections, and show more care for one another.
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Recommendations

There is joyous synergy in these findings. We want to do more to lift up those who are suffering in our community and the world, but we recognize that to do so, we must be nourished by deeper congregational connections and strong spiritual grounding. Together and in community, we can do significantly more service alongside those with greater needs. Recommendations for action are organized around broad themes, including:

- Strengthen member connections, including deepening fellowship and ensuring care of our congregation
- Expand GPC's external mission activities to increase our impact on the world, and help us grow in faith
- Strengthen GPC's financial capacity to increase mission, ensure we maintain our historic building, and continue our internal and external ministries
- Deepen our understanding of how scripture informs our collective role in the world today, so that we can live according to our faith.

Conclusion

With the active participation of the congregation in this discernment of where God is leading us, the recommendations in this report belong to us all. We invite you to join us in this work, with joyful enthusiasm, as we live out God's call at GPC.