

DATES & LOCATIONS
Reservations are *NOT* required.
All meetings: **6:45-8:45**



AUGUST 22 or 29

First Presbyterian Church
1400 W. Riverside Ave., Muncie
Phone: 765.289.4431



SEPTEMBER 6

First Presbyterian Church
300 W. Wayne St. Fort Wayne
Phone: 260.426-7421



SEPTEMBER 19 or 21

Fairview Presbyterian Church
4609 N. Capitol, Indianapolis
Phone: 317.251.2245



SEPTEMBER 26 or 28

First Presbyterian Church
226 N. Morgan St., Rushville
Phone: 765.932.2175

DISCERNMENT AND
VISION PROCESS

Our Discernment and Vision Process will be our presbytery's time of "soul searching before executive searching". We will share in conversation and listening, gather data, and do the hard work of discerning what God is calling us to be and do.

We will be asking Sessions and congregations to pray and reflect with us. We will engage with our data at a presbytery meeting and have opportunity to share our dreams and concerns. In the end we will have found strength in our history, refreshed our sense of identity, encouraged leadership and included new leaders. And then we will be well across that bridge to the future.

Our Discernment and Vision steering group will lead us through this process in the coming months. They are: Frank Bean, Judy Lovejoy, Dave Mueller, Jim Dougans, Debbie Mansell, Mary Ruth Snyder, Bob McCauley.

We are grateful for their gifts and leadership. And we will be asking many of you to participate and help in a variety of ways as we go forward. Together, we will help our Whitewater Valley Presbytery build a bridge to a new future as God's people in ministry and mission.

Bob Anderson
Interim Executive Presbyter

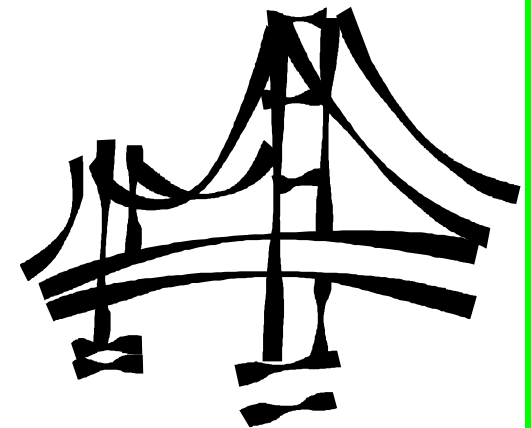
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AN INVITATION
FROM YOUR
**PRESBYTERY
COORDINATING
COUNCIL**

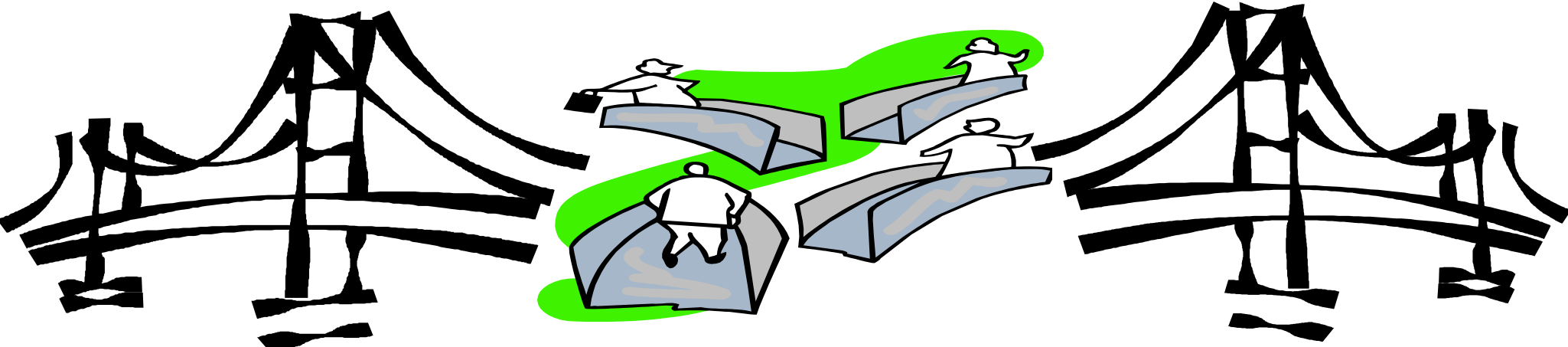
WE NEED YOU...
... to help prepare the way
with discernment
... to "make the way
straight" with vision

*Unless the Lord builds the
house, they labor in vain
who build it. (Psalm 127:1)*



**BUILDING
BRIDGES
TO THE
FUTURE**

FROM HERE... TO THERE...



NEXT STEPS...

BACKGROUND ...

On May 3, 2006 the Presbytery Council agreed that a Presbytery-wide “self study” process would provide a valuable opportunity for the Presbytery to do some “soul searching before executive searching.”

This process will be much like the mission study we require of our congregations and will help us identify a shared vision for the future. Your presence and your voice are vital for a strong process.

The first part of our process uses Conversation Clusters. These are opportunities to do some “holy conversation” as we share our experiences, hopes, and dreams for what God is calling Whitewater Valley Presbytery to become and to do. Each cluster will meet only once though some churches are hosting clusters on two different dates. You only need to go to one Conversation Cluster. Each will be the same format.



Continue our conversations and listening



Reflect on our Percept Vision 2000 picture of our demographics



Pray for discernment in our personal worship, Sessions & Congregations



Involve commissioners & ministers in finalizing data



Create a Presbytery Vision & Ministry Plan for two to five years



Elect an Executive Presbyter Nominating Committee



Begin implementation of first year vision



Continue our conversations and listening



Schedule a time frame to revisit the Vision and Ministry Plan for the first year of the new executive’s term

PROCESS FOR CONVERSATION CLUSTERS

- Arrival & Registration
- Welcome & Worship
- Community Connections
- Playing with Paper Dolls Exercise
- “4Q” Conversation Process
- “Rewinding” the Evening
- Community Prayer

BRIDGE DESIGNERS & BUILDERS

- ▶ Pastors
- ▶ Elders & Session Members
- ▶ All members of our congregations
- ▶ Presbytery Commissioners
- ▶ Presbytery Committee Members
- ▶ Anyone with an interest in building