



Presbytery of Kiskiminetas

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

To: All Moderators, Clerks of Session and Elders of District 1
Fr: District 1 Ministry Support Team (formerly COM)

Dec. 20, 2017

Dear Friends,

I think we can all agree that throughout the years ministry has changed, and how we order ministry has also changed. In cooperation with the Presbytery of Kiskiminetas and the Ministry Support Team, we are setting up meetings in Districts 1-3 to explore how best to provide leadership and direction for the people of God.

There are a number of churches in District 1 that are in transition and because of this we want to take the opportunity to encourage churches in District 1 to be in conversation and to explore the possibility of working more closely with one another so that the gifts of each may be complemented. *This does not mean that the Presbytery is going to push to close, merge, or force any church to do something which they themselves are not comfortable in doing.* What we are trying to do is to get each of us to look at our own church and see where we might be in 5, 10, 20 years from now.

So, what do we need to do? The Ministry Support Team from District 1 along with our General Presbyter Don Wilson, have suggested that we sit down together and look at the many and varied ways to do ministry in the 21st century. On **Monday January 22, 2018 at 7:00PM** you are invited to come to the Slate Lick Church on 106 Brown Road, Freeport 16229.

What will happen? We are asking the elders and moderators of our churches to come, sit down and dialogue with other members of District 1. Even if you are happy with the current style of ministry, come anyway and share what is really working for you. You may even be able to take home something that of which you hadn't thought.

So, set the date! January 22, 2018, 7:00pm at the Slate Lick Presbyterian Church.

Make a reservation. We are asking the churches to call the Presbytery Office by January 16, 2018 to let us know if you are able to attend the conversation. Please know that your confirmation does not commit you to any plan other than to sit, listen and maybe help your brothers and sisters in ministry.

Still a little concerned? Feel free to contact the Rev. Lea Austin, 724-478-4807; the Rev. Colleen McFarland, 724-525-6799; or the Rev. Mark S. Davis, 724-295-4960. Until the 22nd...

Shalom

Mark S. Davis

District 1 Coordinator