



Presbytery of West Virginia Hosts Leadership Retreat

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. – The Presbytery of West Virginia hosted a Leadership Retreat for the Leadership Team and incoming committee on December 2 and 3, 2025. Meeting in Charleston, West Virginia, the 15 committee members, the Presbytery of West Virginia 2026 Committee Chairs and the staff worked diligently to shape the next steps after adapting and implementing a new strategic plan, realigning the Presbytery of West Virginia staff and committee structures, and focusing on the future of the more than 110 congregations within our presbytery.

Led by Rev. DeEtte Decker and Samuel Son of the PC (USA) national staff, the robust schedule prompted retreat attendees to reflect on the assumptions they held about how the Presbytery should work, and how they hoped to see experiments of new life. They also examined the drivers of change, and how those drivers impact the way the Presbytery of West Virginia's congregations work together.

Senta Goudy, a member of the Leadership Team, described the retreat as sometimes challenging, as it pushed those involved to clearly think about the path of the Presbytery.

"I enjoyed stepping away from the world for two days. I loved spending time with our staff and fellow volunteers. It was challenging to consider how much things are changing around us and the ways we are being impacted," said Goudy. "Seeking God's guidance and stepping into the future with faith, the work that we did together will help the WV Presbytery support our congregations as they deal with the changes that are challenging them and providing us all with opportunity to share the Good News."

According to the Lead Presbyter and Stated Clerk, Maureen Wright, Decker will send a conclusive report of topics and discussion for the leadership's review. At the conclusion of the retreat, the Leadership Team was tasked with implementing the next steps, which will be forthcoming to congregations in the new year.

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