

Purpose of Discernment and Design Team (formerly the Transition Team)

The Discernment and Design Team has the purpose of “Assisting the Presbytery of St. Augustine with defining its identity, mission and focus as the gathered saints of the presbytery, and making recommendations regarding the structure and funding necessary to bring about the new vision.”

The discernment and design work has included developing questions for a holy listening time in the presbytery, engaging the presbytery in holy listening sessions, and reviewing and evaluating other data within and outside of the presbytery.

At the 2015 Spring Stated Presbytery Meeting, the presbytery authorized the Steering Committee of the Discernment and Design Team (the “Steering Committee”) to engage the services of a consultant and to execute an appropriate contract with the consultant in a total amount not to exceed \$30,000.

As of May 19, 2015, approximately 54 sessions of our congregations have engaged in the holy listening process, and the teaching and ruling elder visitors to those sessions are reporting back to the Steering Committee and the Committee on Ministry what was shared in those visits.

The Steering Committee has reviewed information regarding several potential consultants and has interviewed three. Its next meeting is on June 11, 2015.

The members of the Steering Committee as of May 19, 2015 are:

Darren Bess, Vickie Bossuot, Jim Bullock, Hunter Camp, Dawn Conti, Carolyn Ettlinger, Peggy Humbert, Ed Kelly, Shirley Mergan, Cynthia Montgomery, Ralph Moulder, Edd Norris, David Pierce, Joe Rigsby, Sheldon Steen, and Sheryl Sumlin-Barclay.