

### **First Mission Study Gathering: Appreciative Inquiry**

1. Reflect back: What drew you to this Church? Welcoming nature, inclusiveness, family ties, Sunday school classes, relationship, personal invitation/contact, people, accepting attitudes, connection with other Presbyterian churches, the current minister
2. What about your experience of being in our ministry together that has kept you here? Friendships, genuine people, volunteer opportunities, good Christian growth experience, open acceptance, local ministries, opportunities for fellowship, Wednesday night meals, Sunday school, interracial group Presbyterian Women, opportunities for involvement, the members are like family, outdoor worship services, volunteering at God's Food Pantry and Bethany house
3. Thinking back in your experience at our church, tell about a time when you felt the most engaged in our church. alive and close to God. Choir/Music/Music program, friendliness, fellowship, inclusiveness, Deacon - when asked to serve in an office, contacts when ill, Holidays: CIA shopping, Sunrise Service on Easter morning, Holy Week services with the community, lent, Christmas Eve service, Educational outreach with other denominations, retreats, baptisms, when we support each other, when we are active in meeting needs of others, accepting culture of the church, bible studies
4. What are three desires and hopes that you have for the future of our church? Children and youth programs, community activities, boys & girls clubs, return drifters, intergenerational interaction, less fortunate ministries, Christian Ed growth, reach transplants to community through Chamber of commerce, newcomers group, youth choir, bring back more organ, embrace growth and outreach+
5. If our church were to cease to exist what do you think the community would miss the most? Our involvement with community ministries, CIA shopping, an inclusive church, community events, AA, Girl Scouts, other outside groups, the Arts communities
6. If our church ceased to exist, what would you miss the most in its absence? Hugs, fellowship, music (choir, handbells, piano, organ), the sanctuary, a good message, hope, a PCUSA church, Earth care