

Report of the PCC Church Futures Commission
May 9, 2025

The Church Futures Commission has continued to meet regularly since the PCC 2024 Annual Meeting to meet the expectations of its mission: helping churches discern their present challenges and opportunities and to determine a positive path forward. Regrettably, two members of the Commission have resigned for personal reasons.

There have been a couple inquiries for support, including one from a Committee on Ministry. A representative of the Commission attended a meeting of this COM and shared the kinds of support available.

Two ICF (International Coaching Federation) trained coaches have set up links through the Commission's webpage to facilitate contact and scheduling of coaching services. Financial support for these services is available. To date, one PCC pastor has taken advantage of this resource.

The Commission has recently turned its attention to the challenges and opportunities of the pending conference merger. On April 22, 2025, initiated by the CFC, an online conversation with others engaged in church vitality efforts across the four current conferences took place. Current practices were shared, and many ideas for how we can all move forward with our work in the Keystone Conference. Additional meetings will be scheduled to coordinate services across the Commonwealth.

In the meantime, the CFC will continue to offer its services and resources to individuals, local congregation leadership teams, and associations as requested. To that end, the CFC is planning to deliver an online workshop in connection with PCC Annual Meeting activities ("Tending the Flame: Companions Through Transitions").

Respectfully submitted,

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