

## **JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERY** **EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER'S REPORT**

There is nearly universal agreement that the institutional church is changing. There is a wide variety of opinions about the cause and remedy of these changes. Over the next few weeks, our presbytery is providing opportunities to encounter new ideas, meet others from neighboring churches who may serve as sounding boards, and hear solutions for situations we may find ourselves in.

As I write this, many people have worked for weeks on this Saturday's presbytery meeting, to make it a meaningful and beneficial experience for everyone. I believe worship will be inspiring; education time enlightening. If past experience is an indicator, the hospitality of the Willard church will enhance our day. The goal is for everyone to have something worthwhile to take home.

Visitors, who may especially benefit from worship and education time, are always welcome! Every church is allotted at least one elder commissioner, and of course, your pastor/moderator is allotted a seat. Presbytery meetings may seem alien at first, but they grow on you. Most people reading this know what to expect at a presbytery meeting. It would be great to include new commissioners and visitors. The input of all makes a good presbytery meeting.

In mid-March, we will be blessed by amazing leaders who will arrive to present **PRACTICAL TOOL FOR MINISTRY: CONNECTIONS FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW**. This event is made possible by the support of several entities of the larger church. For elders, the planning team has designated a mileage stipend to encourage participation of those who are far away.

A mileage stipend for elders, per car, one way, vouchered at the conclusion of the event:  
Over 50 miles \$20  
Over 75 miles \$30  
Over 100 miles \$40

There are limited, need-based registration scholarships for the event also.

How beneficial it will be if ONE person from your church takes advantage of this opportunity! And the benefits increase exponentially if more people come. This is a chance to consider the health of your church, and what God is calling you to do.

[You can see much more, and register to attend, here.](#)

As an aside, there's an event Friday evening for pastors. Hopefully, they are seeing the publicity about that.

We do our best work when we incorporate outside input along with our own faithful work.