

**JOHN CALVIN PRESBYTERY
PASTORAL PRESBYTER'S REPORT**

Staying Together (As We Can)

As I'm writing this a few days before the presbytery meeting, the COVID map of the United States is showing a tremendous number of cases, and according to many news outlets, our area is among the hardest hit. Certainly, we all hope that this will pass quickly, but COVID has been making the rules, and we are left trying to respond.

While we can't predict the future, we **can** use technology to achieve some of our core purposes. The presbytery continues to meet. Presbytery committees have continued to meet and do their work well. I have been able to be in person with the session and a worship service of congregations which recently became vacant, and even led some worship services where pastors have been able to get away.

We will offer opportunities this month for the presbytery to gather more informally than a presbytery meeting allows. All three of the events below are repeats of past gatherings. I hope you'll take advantage of the chance to be with others.

BCW Daily Prayer August 11, 6-6:45 p.m.

If you already own a Book of Common Worship Daily Prayer, this will give you an opportunity to use it with others, over Zoom. After a few opening remarks, we'll share in a prayer service. A small group tried this in the spring, and the feedback was positive. If you don't own the book, we'll work it out so you can participate. After this, you might want to order the book to use in your congregation! Register [here](#), or watch the Notices for a repeat of the information.

Pastors Check-In August 18, 1-2 p.m.

Pastors, this will be a time to join in scripture and prayer, and to find commonalities and support among your colleagues. Register [here](#), or watch the Notices for a repeat of the information.

Session Members—An Opportunity to Check in with Others August 18, 6-7 p.m.

If you are involved in the leadership of your church, this is a chance to connect with others across the presbytery. Join in scripture reading and prayer. Hear what's working somewhere else. Ask questions. Register [here](#), or watch the Notices for a repeat of the information.

Please stay in touch!
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