

Synod of the Trinity

Secondary Ends

- Connecting presbytery leadership for coordination, spiritual support and sharing best practices.
- Encouraging innovation in, between and among presbyteries through the use of human, programmatic and financial resources.
- Providing services of education and nurture as requested by member presbyteries.
- Extending partnership of member presbyteries in joint and shared mission and ministry.
- Nurturing relationships within the larger church for the purpose of greater witness.
- Fostering conversation and action for the promotion of social righteousness.

Leadership

The annual Synod Assembly consists of 32 commissioners representing all 16 presbyteries plus six racial ethnic at-large commissioners. Presbytery executives are ex-officio participants at the Assembly.

The Governing Commission – a board of 10 commissioners plus ex-officio and advisory members – acts on behalf of the Synod Assembly throughout the year.

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The Synod of the Trinity is a mid council of the
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Challenging



Partnering



Supporting



We are...

Synod of the
Trinity
Being More
Together

The Synod of the Trinity, through the responsible use of shared resources, supports and challenges member presbyteries to be vital, innovative and faithful in their collaborative and distinctive callings.

Synod's Primary End

Supporting

Through the Synod's granting process, we are:

- paving the way for the development of sustaining partnerships
- **assisting presbyteries and congregations with missional partnerships locally and globally**
- fostering innovation as it reaches toward lasting change
- **aiding and encouraging student ministries and vocational exploration**
- extending yearly funding to presbyteries for intentional resourcing of leadership in smaller congregations

Through the presence and encouragement of Synod leadership, we are assisting presbyteries as an "outside voice" to evaluate identity, mission, organization and future ministry possibilities, as well as to provide counsel when needed and training in topical areas such as finances and communications.

Challenging

Because we understand a part of our role to be that of challenging congregations and presbyteries to grow in their faithfulness, we are:

- hosting conversations that compel us to consider the call of Christ as we engage difficult civil and social issues around us, and move to action
- **raising awareness about the work of the national church as it lives Christ in a global setting**
- highlighting the work of new worshipping communities and encouraging presbyteries to see possibilities for faith community so that more may know Christ's love and grace
- **affirming and supporting the work of camp, campus and other places ministering to the present and future church**

Connecting

Because of a commitment to "being more together," we are:

- gathering presbytery executives three times a year for community building, faith reflection, sharing of concerns and resources
- **facilitating the work and community of stated clerks through face-to-face reviews of presbytery minutes and the opportunity to consider needs and concerns**
- actively seeking and telling stories of human interest, mission, ministry and faith from across our Synod and beyond so that we all might encourage, resource and energize one another
- **providing a regional table for presbytery leaders, Synod commissioners and others to deepen faith relationships, explore common concerns, and look ahead with an eye toward networking and partnership**
- responding to requests for shared training such as a yearly COM and CPM gatherings, PJC training and disaster preparedness work with PDA

Partnering

Through direct resourcing available to the region, we are:

- offering tools and training for video conferencing, challenging our partners to "meet" in new ways
- **continuing in a special relationship with MissionInsite to encourage use of demographic tools by congregations and presbyteries**
- facilitating a partnership with Brotherhood Insurance that shares profits each year with those entities in the program
- **servicing as the umbrella organization in Pennsylvania for congregations and church-related groups to access state tax-exempt status**

We are joining with presbyteries in many ways as they seek to be faithful. In one instance we may join with two presbyteries; in another, six or more. We recognize that no one size of partnership fits all and are open to exploring new ways of "being more together!"