



Presbytery Gathering Highlights

May 22, 2021

Digital Presbytery Gathering via Zoom

GATHERING BUSINESS RECAP

A delightfully short business meeting kicked off our Gathering. Two keys items of business were discussed. The Presbytery approved changes to the [Dissolution Policy](#) for changes in pastoral relations. The Council also reported on its fiduciary decision related to the net proceeds from the sale of the former First (Fox Lake) church property. Through the Commission on Congregational Vitality, the Presbytery will offer grants for Matthew 25 purposes to congregations in a 30-mile radius of the former church over the next year.



EDUCATION

Two guest speakers joined the meeting. Kendall Cox introduced the water ministry of Living Waters of the World. Learn more [here](#) about how to get involved in this life-saving ministry. William McConnell, our Mission Engagement Advisor for the Presbyterian Mission Agency, thanked the many congregations who have become Matthew 25 churches and who support the four Presbyterian Special Offerings. Enjoy the short and inspiring [video](#) and share it in your churches, too! If your church wants to declare its support of the Matthew 25 vision, please [register online](#) with the PMA.



MATTHEW 25

Moderator Nicole Farley announced that our cash bail initiative raised \$9,440 for the Joshua Glover Justice Fund. When the only reason for pre-trial detention is poverty, these funds will help release people until trial, preserving jobs, housing, and families. JGJF responded to your gift, "That is huge news, and will amount to the second largest donation we've gotten so far... JGJF has already been a life saver in some people's lives and it will be so even more thanks to the Presbytery's generosity. Thank you again!"



Between now and our September meeting, we shift our Matthew 25 focus to fair employment. Check out the website for ways to [learn and act](#). Through a mini-poll and our worship, we began our dive into the issue of labor trafficking, particularly the abuse of migrant workers in the agriculture industry. Working with UMOS, the Presbytery will send an invitation and challenge letter soon with opportunities for awareness building and production of care bags for recovered workers.