



Thank You!
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Dear Friends,

We had a wonderful Presbytery Gathering this past Saturday! It was the culmination of 2 years highlighting the 7 Marks of Church Vitality, which was the theme for the day. Workshops, Worship, and Fellowship celebrated how the marks are being lived out by our congregations.

One aspect I appreciated was all the collaboration taking place. Singers from all over the presbyter made up the choir and a variety of people led worship. The churches who displayed their ministries at the Vitality Fair shared space and ideas, hopefully inspiring other ministries to spring up. Of course, the members of the Tosa church were marvelous hosts, both in welcoming us to their space and with the fabulous Thanksgiving meal they served. For our business meeting, our moderator, stated clerk, and committee/commission chairs were well prepared, keeping us informed and helping us to good decisions.

I am so thankful for the many, many people that made the day a success. Certainly, thanks go to our presenters, worship leaders, singers, Vitality Fair participants, moderators, and the Tosa congregation. Yet, I want to say a special “thank you” to the members of the Commission on Congregational Vitality for their creativity, planning, and hard work to make the day come together. And I also say “thank you” to our staff: Ann Gibbs, Christian Boyd, Steph Gallagher, and Kate Hopta. They did so much behind the scenes preparation and put in a lot of time to make the day run smoothly.

For those of you who were at the Gathering, either in person or via Zoom, if you enjoyed the day, I hope you will voice your thanks to those who made it happen, too.

Happy Thanksgiving, all!

Grace and Peace.

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