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Proposed Vision, Mission, Purpose and Values Statements

The Joint Conference Vision and Development Team after receiving feedback from our survey, from our town meetings, interviews with the staff from both conferences and discussions with the PSEC Consistory and PNEC Board of Directors, created **draft** Vision, Mission, Purpose and Value Statements for a proposed new conference.

These were shared at our Association Meetings and at the PNEC Annual Meeting. We are asking you to reflect on these statements and share your reflections with the JCVDT so we can create a final draft for further consideration.

Reflection Questions

The work of the Conference is different from the work of the local church. Local churches are called to welcome, encourage, and nurture disciples of Jesus. The mission of the conference is to support local congregations to fulfill their calling. The conference is the wider community of congregations in relationship with one another to support the wider mission of the church.

- Do you believe a new Conference guided by these statements would integrate well with your church's work?
- How is your local congregation working to make disciples of Jesus?
- How might the combined resources and reach of a new, larger Conference support your church in those efforts?

What specific support could a new, larger Conference provide that would help you expand those efforts?

Please email your responses to pastorbarb90@gmail.com or jomar-chetto@rcn.com.

Draft Vision, Mission, Purpose and Values Statements for a Proposed Eastern PA Conference

The _____ UCC Conference of Eastern Pennsylvania

Who We Are

We are the Conference of Local UCC Congregations and Affiliated Ministries in Eastern Pennsylvania. We serve as the liaison and covenant partner between the local congregations and ministries of the United Church of Christ and the national setting.

Our Purpose:

Why we do this work –

Because people are created as communal beings, a conference provides a framework to live out our mission with accountability

Our Mission:

What we do –

Building up the body of Christ

Our Vision:

What the Conference will look like in the future -

Lives and communities transformed through love

Our Values:

How we do our work together -

Guided by Jesus' commandments to love one another and a commitment to extravagant welcome, we will work together...

to serve God and our neighbors with compassion
to encourage and inspire one another with hope
to make bold and courageous choices with love