**Governance Task Force Recommendation**

April 2024

Purpose of task force: to align our presbytery’s governance (committee structure and commissioner balance) with its mission

Priorities (approved by the Leadership Team):

* Designate 2024 as the Year of Building Relationships in the Presbytery of Great Rivers. Every assembly and committee/task force meeting will include elements to foster this goal.
* Make space to tell/hear the stories of the mission and ministry within PGR and the impact it is having. Provide opportunities for people to talk to one another.
* Improve the tools we have for connecting so they are accessible, useful, and meaningful (PGR website, directory, social media posts, leadership succession plan for times of transition, etc.)
* Learn and grow together: a Presbytery-wide book study, workshops and other learning opportunities at assemblies and between assemblies.
* Establish a schedule for interviewing committee moderators, committee members, and PGR staff to hear reflections on their work and their needs for faithfully doing their work.
* Establish a series of in-person round table discussions around the presbytery in the spring, summer, and fall of 2024 by Task Force members and others in leadership to which congregational leaders and members are invited to respond.
* Compile the information we gather in the fall of 2024 into a forward-looking plan to present to the Leadership Team.
* The structure will come as we build relationships, make connections, learn/worship/grow together.