



# Foothills Presbytery:

## Investment Funds History and Strategy



May 2021

# Background

## February 2019

The Coordinating Council made a presentation at the 109<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of Foothills Presbytery (Nazareth Church).

After some history and information about the work of the Discernment Task Force, the conversation began with a question:

**How will we make use of our gifts\* in 2020 & beyond?**

*\* New Church Development Funds & Proceeds from the Sale of Buc Outdoor Center (GA Rd sale is still pending).*





# Making Use of Our Gifts

## *2020 and Beyond*



The

# Transition Think Tank

(Target 2020)

Was recruited & started meeting in 2019.

The TTT was tasked to **assess** the progress on the new model of Presbytery\* and **propose** a path for the future.

(\*The new model was a results of the Discernment Task Force's recommendations to Presbytery in 2016)



FOOTHILLS PRESBYTERY

Target 2020

# Transition Think Tank

Conversations around...

1. Assessment of New Model
2. Financial Picture
3. Staffing Model for next 5 years
4. Recommendation to Presbytery

As a way to stir conversations,

Council presented 2 – 3 different ways to use the funds (invested) from the sale of Buc Outdoor Center and New Church Development, by asking us / presbytery,

**What are your ideas?**

After listening to the feedback,  
the recommendation was to set aside four designated funds,  
and to infuse proceeds from the interest into our congregations  
and their ministry leaders.

- #1 Campus Ministry
- #2 Equipping Leaders (Scholarships)
- #3 Future Church (Adaptive needs for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Church)
- #4 Shared Mission and Ministry

# # 1 Campus Ministry (November 2019)

Matching grant for the Crucial Calling Campaign  
PSA Clemson – Fort Hill.

\$250,000





## #2 Future Church (February 2020)

\$600,000 for the Future Churchwork of Presbytery

Expecting an average annual return of 5%, this will generate approximately \$30,000 a year for this work.

Of note: In 2014, Presbytery voted to safeguard the monies from the failed Riverside New Church Development (presently \$469,022.16) until such time as the Discernment Task Force completed their work, and when Presbytery had a plan for faithful use of these monies. This forms the base of the \$600,000 amount, with the rest coming from the sale of Buc Outdoor Center.



Proceeds will be used to invest in supporting congregations and church leaders.

The two primary **Future Church initiatives** are:

1. **Legacy Partnership Project**
2. **Faithful Innovation Learning Communities**

Note: Scheduled to begin in 2020, both of these initiatives were postponed (due to the pandemic). We shifted our focus to current needs and were able use investment proceeds for the **Staying Connected Grants**.

# #3 Equipping Leaders/Scholarships

In February 2020, the Coordinating Council also asked Presbytery to set aside \$250,000 for the Equipping Leaders or **Scholarship Fund**.

Details were presented at the November 2020 Presbytery meeting.

Expecting an average annual return of 5%, which will yield approximately \$12,000 a year for scholarship assistance for our Seminarians, for those seeking to become CREs, and for those seeking to become Certified Christian Educators.

**#1 Campus Ministry**  
**\$250,000**  
(11/2019)

**#2 Future Church**  
**\$600,000**  
(2/2020)

**#3 Equipping  
Leaders**  
**\$250,000**  
(2/2020 & 11/2020)

Last step  
**#4 Shared Mission  
and Ministry**  
**\$TBD**

## #4 Shared Mission and Ministry



### Shared Ministry

*Let us consider how to provoke one another to love  
and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together...  
but encouraging one another... Hebrews 10:24-25*

In 2019, the Committee on Shared Ministry (CSM) was asked to start a conversation about the fourth investment fund by asking,

“How is God was calling our presbytery to engage in Shared Mission and Ministry in new and adaptive ways?”

In 2020 (with the hire of our new Associate for Shared Mission and Ministry), I asked the CSM to take a “deeper dive” into how God might be calling the Presbytery the use proceeds from a **Shared Ministry Fund**.



# Motion

Council recommends that Presbytery approve the designation of \$250,000 from Presbytery's Investments for the **“Shared Mission and Ministry”** work of Presbytery.

Expecting an average annual return of 5%, it will generate approximately \$12,500 a year for this work.

Approval of this motion will complete the details for investment bucket #4 and bring full circle the recommendations set forth in 2019 & 2020.



Thank You