

The Future of Our Region and The Future of Our Churches

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Open Presentation for All Presbyterians Young and Old

Presented during the Morning Session of the April 30 Presbytery Meeting
Yes, the Task Force invites non-commissioners to attend this presentation.

Hear, Learn, Contribute

- * How the Economy of WNC is changing and its affect on churches and non-profits **
- * How Growth of Minority Groups is changing our communities. **
- * How the region is growing faster than others and getting older **
- * How Businesses, Industries and Community Organizations are becoming more creative in a time of social and economic change. **

THREE QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION ON THE WAY TO PRESBYTERY

1. Over the past five years, what has been the most significant change experienced by our church?
2. What do we offer to our community that really defines who we are as a church?
3. Who are our community partners and what challenges are we facing?

TWO QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION ON THE WAY HOME

1. What did we learn today that we can act upon right now to strengthen our church and make a difference to people in our community?
2. What are the obstacles that stand in our way? Are they problems of what we don't know, who we need to know and / or what we are not prepared to do?