

Preparation for Annual Meeting Breakout Groups - March 6, 2022

Introduction:

All churches, including Harcourt are being invited to envision a new future. The Transition Steering Team has been at work for over a year reflecting upon the data from two rounds of focus groups held with individuals from the congregation. It has developed possible scenarios for each of the three visioning stories introduced in November - as viewed from 2025. Read these three stories carefully as they begin to sketch out possible future directions. These are probes to get you thinking! Then, consider the questions below as you prepare for the annual meeting on March 6th. This information is being sent to you ahead of time so you can prayerfully discern God's invitation to you to join others in being God's compassionate loving presence in our world. Where does your passion align within the three visioning stories? There is no future without passion and commitment.

Reflection questions for your preparation:

1. Which of the three stories invites you to join others to work with passion and energy towards a common future?
2. In the story you have chosen, which 'next steps' are you excited to support with your time, talents and/or financial resources?
3. Why is this important to you?

Focusing questions for the breakout groups:

Actively listening and telling our discernment, each person gives their answer to these questions:

In the story you have chosen, which 'next steps' are you excited to support with your time, talents and/or finance resources? Why?

Each person ends with "Thank you for listening."

The breakout groups will be limited to 20 minutes, meaning each person has about 2 minutes to share their response. It is an opportunity to listen to others **and** to share your passion in Harcourt's future.

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