

Mike's Mission Notes:



Praise the Lord, Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! I love this liturgical statement because it keeps the fact that Christ is risen in the present tense. We still experience the risen Christ, and that reality is very much at the root of what it means to be Christian. This past Sunday, as Easter was celebrated in churches not only here in this presbytery, but across the world, we received a reminder of the power of Christ's resurrection, and inspired by the Love and Grace of God, and hopefully all felt the Holy Spirit move in our midst.

My hope is that the message of Easter, the Love of God, that is has helped inspire folks to go out and serve, to live as Christ's hands and feet. If that is the case, maybe your congregation is looking for a new opportunity to engage in Mission and service. If your congregation is looking for new ways to engage, there are plenty of opportunities right here in our presbytery. There are partnerships that can be formed, models for ministry that can be duplicated, organizations to support.

The bottom line is that your congregation is not alone, as a presbytery we have all made a covenant to support one another in our mission and ministry, and the staff here in the office is more than willing to offer support in any way we can. And beyond the staff, I have found out, through traveling across this great presbytery of ours, that there are individuals ready to assist congregations in a broad and diverse way. There are tons of different opportunities, opportunities for all the various ways congregations seek to engage in mission, whether a congregation wants to engage locally or internationally.

So, if your congregation is thinking of new mission opportunities, new ways to be Christ's hands and feet, whether your goal is a one-time mission work trip, or creating an enduring broad-based mission program, please reach out, and let me know how I or someone else in our presbytery can help! There is so much going on in our presbytery and it is exciting. ***Together we can make a difference!***