

Presbytery Assembly Meeting Planning Committee Report  
June 6, 2017  
Blackhawk Presbytery Assembly Meeting

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Presbytery Assembly Meeting Planning Committee met to plan out the learning opportunities for the rest of 2017's Presbytery Assembly meetings. Here's what we have in store:

JUNE 6, 2017:

- The Stronghold Committee will lead small group discussions to explain the proposed separation of Stronghold from Blackhawk Presbytery and the proposed covenant between the two entities.
- Sara Dingman, the Transitional Synod Executive from Lincoln Trails, will present a \$10,000 check to our Presbytery.

SEPTEMBER 12, 2017:

- We would like any church interested in sharing a short (5-7 minute) presentation of a mission they are working on. This presentation can include a PowerPoint. Did your church go on a work trip recently that you would like to let others learn about? Do you have a local mission that you would like to share, and possibly invite others to be a part of? This is an opportunity for sharing and learning.
- Living Waters has been invited to make a presentation.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 13 SEMINAR:

- Soul Shop™ for Leaders – Equipping congregations (through this one day training designed for clergy, staff, lay pastors, and faith-based clinicians) to minister to persons impacted by suicidal desperation. This includes four groups of persons:
  - persons who are currently engaged in suicidal thinking
  - persons who are concerned about a friend or family member who may be suicidal
  - persons who have lost a friend or family member to suicide
  - persons who have recovered from a period of suicidal thinking in the pastThe need is real - about half the members of a typical faith community fall into one of these four categories.
- Please make plans to attend this seminar and help us spread the word to ecumenical associates

Respectfully Submitted,  
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