

Blackhawk Presbytery Council Report
June 12, 2018

The Blackhawk Presbytery Council met on April 24 and May 29. The focus of our meetings continues to be the beginning of strategic planning for the future of Blackhawk Presbytery. We have looked at what we can have control over as well as what we cannot have control over as churches and as a presbytery in today's world. We have discussed the emerging and ongoing trends and issues that churches face in our presbytery and throughout our nation. We have looked at the needs of our churches and begun to examine what the needs of the churches and their leaders, and how Blackhawk Presbytery can meet those needs. We have a full day meeting scheduled on June 26th to prioritize the list of needs we believe we can help address. We will then create a plan to meet those needs. We will not meet as a Council in July, but we will be working in teams as we begin to create processes to meet these needs. A fuller report of what we are up to will be presented at the September Assembly meeting.

A team made up of Council members presented an initial draft for a new way to select Commissioners and Young Adult Advisory Delegates to General Assembly for our presbytery. The Council ratified the draft and will discuss/vote upon it again at our June 26th Council Meeting. We will present this at the September assembly meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
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