



## How can I Convene an Open Spaces session?

- ❖ Some conveners choose to promote their sessions in advance. If you are convening a network or partnership, it will be best to promote your session in advance so people will attend.
- ❖ Others may present at the Presbytery Meeting with no prior publicity or planning.
- ❖ Develop a simple plan for what you hope to achieve by meeting with others and, at the very least, a few questions to start the conversation.

- ❖ If you'd like your Open Space to be included in the Presbytery meeting packet, please submit your Open Spaces title and a two to three sentence paragraph describing the topic to be discussed to:

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Questions?

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# OPEN SPACES



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The purpose of Open Spaces is to bring about transformation and generate fresh ideas that bring about change or new thinking that instigates new approaches to ministry.

## What is Open Spaces?

- ❖ A time set aside at every Presbytery Meeting to discuss any topic you want.
- ❖ Times for you to explore ideas and connect with others around topics you're passionate about.
- ❖ Want to revitalize your church? You can have an Open Space on that. Want to share about your church's mission in Haiti? This is the place to do it.



## Who is Invited?

- ❖ Anyone and everyone! The vision is that hundreds of people will connect, network, and learn during Open Space.
- ❖ Anyone who believes they have something to share or learn about God's kingdom is encouraged to join in and participate.
- ❖ Open Spaces is for church members and non-members alike; it's not just for pastors, elders, and church leaders.

## How does Open Space Work?

- ❖ Participants gather in a large room to hear about the day's Open Space topics, and learn the room assignments for each topic.
- ❖ After all conveners have shared introductions to their topics, participants will depart to the rooms assigned for their chosen Open Space topic.
- ❖ The rule of "Two Feet":



If you are no longer learning or contributing from the group you're in, use your "two feet" to move to other groups. It's okay to change groups. That's just the way Open Space works.