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Proposal to Synod of the Covenant

Objective:

To facilitate the leadership and Synod Commissioners' conversation and decisions about major foci for the Synod of the Covenant's work and mission for the next 3-5 years.

Process:

Scenario 1 – (In person) – Gathering of Presbytery leaders and stated clerks in a two-day retreat (Sunday night until Tuesday noon) to review where the Synod's focus has been, and to create a design for where it can direct its resources and mission in the next three years

Synod meeting in Fall attended by commissioners and presbytery leaders to review possible focus, create conversation about next steps and ratify

Scenario 2 – (Virtual) – Gather Presbytery leaders and stated clerks via Zoom platform. Meet for two hour blocks 5 times over two -three days to accomplish the same outcomes as the in-person retreat

Synod meeting – via Zoom – same process as above

Timeline: Spring 2021- Consultant meets with Synod executive and Ministry Focus Task Force to create agenda for retreat with presbytery leaders

Late Summer 2021- Retreat with Presbytery leaders and stated Clerks

October 2021 – Stated meeting of the Synod

Proposed Costs:

For planning and facilitating two gatherings, plus meetings with the Synod executive and Ministry Task force as needed in between.

In person - \$2500 first gathering plus travel /\$3000 Synod gathering (3 days)plus travel

Virtual- \$2000 first gathering/2500 Synod gathering

Planning time and meetings in between are included in the overall fee.

