

Missional Urban Ministry Team

Sessional Discernment Retreats

The Missional Urban Ministry Team is offering to lead a one-day Sessional Retreat for your congregation in order to assist you in assessing or discerning your congregation's missional opportunities related to our ministry within this metro-urban area. This could include your own ministry in your own community or the potential for partnering with others in a regional or cluster ministry. At the end of the day you will have a better idea of how God may be calling your congregation in ministry *and* a list of training opportunities that your leaders and members might profit from.

The cost for these retreats is \$200 and includes trained facilitators ready to guide your session/leadership team in a full day retreat. You will also provide the space and any meals/snacks needed during the day. **Note:** *the first 8 congregations which sign up for one of these retreats will benefit from a \$100 matching grant from the Presbytery.*

Please contact Bill Reinhold at the Presbytery to make arrangements for a retreat or to get more information. You can reach him at: breinhold@prresbyphl.org or at Presbytery of Philadelphia, 915 East Gowen Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19150 – (215) 242-1400 extension 323.

Additional Resources

The final report of the **Urban Ministry Task Force** is available on the Presbytery's website. You can also find the **study guide** prepared by Rev. Kevin Porter there too.

There are two good books on urban-suburban congregational partnerships that your session would learn a great deal from:

Sider, Ronald, Philip Olsen and Heidi Unruh, *Churches that Make a Difference: Reaching Your Community with Good News and Good Works*, Grand Rapids, Baker Books, 2002.

Sider, Ronald, John Perkins, Wayne Gordon and F. Albert Tizon, *Linking Arms, Linking Lives*, Grand Rapids, Baker Books, 2008.

Both of these books discuss many congregations in the greater Philadelphia region.