

To: the PNEC Board

Re: Joint Conference Visioning and Development Team letter
For discussion at the Board meeting on February 11

At their meeting on January 29th, our Executive Committee discussed the letter from the Joint Conference Visioning and Development Team (JCVDT) and email from Bill Worley regarding the PSEC Consistory with their thoughts and discussion of the letter from the JCVDT. These two letters are attached to this report below.

The Executive Committee wants to frame our conversation and thoughts for conversation with the Conference Board. Here are some of our initial thoughts:

- “I am having a hard time with this. I heard our Conference being misrepresented financially. Why is it now all about money?”
- “At my AMC, pastors are wondering, how can we trust them now?” “Why didn’t we know there was this level of distrust among the staff in PSEC?”
- People are feeling betrayed and blindsided. There is a concern about how we will be able to move forward with governance. There is a sense that there is a loss of trust, and do not think we are on a path of coming together structurally.
- We do not need to be structured together to do ministry together. We need to rebuild relationships and trust. That will take time and grief work.
- Because of the loss of trust, we do not think it is a good idea to attach dates to the process moving forward. We need to focus on relationship building and go back to building trust.
- We need a break from the structural process, not from the ministry.
- Suggestion that we begin moving forward and healing with a service for the JCVDT members. This could be a service of lament and grief with an anointing for healing. It was suggested that this would be for team members and not include Bonnie or Bill.
- We should think about how we will move forward, find healing, and begin building trust. Then we can meet with the Conference Board and PSEC Consistory to have this conversation.

Questions for conversation:

- How are people feeling about this process? What are they feeling?
- How should we move forward from this point? Where is God leading us?
- What will be our next steps? How much time do we need?