

Forward in Faith
A Congregation Centered Pilot Project for
Property and Mission

What if you could REIMAGINE a more economically sustainable model for your church property, REPURPOSE your church property to serve God and neighbor, and REVIVE your congregation through conversations, prayerful discernment, and action?

Application by Session

Please respond to the following questions.

1. Briefly describe your congregation's current circumstances that lead you to apply to be a pilot congregation in Forward in Faith. What are the challenges you face and what would you hope to gain? (300 words or less)
2. Will you convene 3-5 people, in addition to your pastoral leader, who will commit to finishing an 8-12 month process, meeting as often as twice a month, and the necessary work of assessing your church's mission, property resources, your community needs, and how your building might be repurposed for future ministry?
3. Will you pay \$375 for required curriculum, "Rooted Good?" (There are no other required costs to the congregation.)
4. Will you commit to working with Hill Studios, a regional architectural firm with community development expertise, and a presbytery coach?
5. Will you be willing to share your experience as a pilot congregation with other congregations in the presbytery? As a pilot program/experiment, we will be eager to learn what works and what doesn't, and what can be improved.

The Forward in Faith pilot program will be limited to six congregations. The experiment will be best served by a representative group of congregations, reflecting the diverse settings of ministry in The Peaks. If there are more than six congregations ready to commit to the program, the broader representation will be favored in the selection process.

_____ Session Moderator

_____ Date of Session's approval

Send your completed application to Jonathan Moelker at jmoelker1@gmail.com and cc office@peakspresbytery.org.