

Small Church Survey
Presbytery of the Peaks

The Commission on Ministry (COM) is responsible for supporting churches and pastors across the Presbytery. The COM recognizes that the support needed for churches in small, rural communities is different than that of churches in larger communities.

In order to provide support, we are working to understand what the needs might be for small churches in the Presbytery of the Peaks. The COM will be holding some listening meetings for small churches to come together and help us to hear what you are experiencing. These listening meetings will be followed by a **Small Church Summit** to be held September 27, 2025 in a location yet to be determined. Please mark your calendars to save the day **September 27, 2025**.

To prepare for the listening sessions and the Small Church Summit we are asking that you please complete this survey and return by email to julie@peakspresbytery.org or mail to: PO Box 2519, Forest, VA 24551 by June 20, 2025.

Name of Church: _____

1. What is special about your congregation? What things hold you together? What are the gifts/strengths of people in your congregation?

2. What are some ideas that you have about how Presbytery can support your strengths/gifts and help them grow? How can you share your strengths/gifts with the Presbytery?

3. Challenges, select all that apply:

☐ Pastoral leadership/sacraments

☐ Number of worshippers

☐ Age of congregation members

☐ Building concerns

☐ Financial concerns

☐ Geography

☐ detail any other challenges:

4. What are some ideas that you have about how Presbytery can support you as you work to address these challenges?

5. How often would you like to see some sort of gathering to share ideas?

☐ monthly

☐ quarterly

☐ yearly

6. Is there anything else you would like us to know about your particular experiences as a small church in the Presbytery of the Peaks?