From Bill Bowen regarding Breckenridge-Emerson and Beaverton-First:

Enclosed with this message are the comments I received from Emerson in Breckenridge and Beaverton. Emerson (they do not have a Pastor) was difficult in that while they had the questions before the meeting, they had little to no contact with Presbytery except through me and that is only 6-8 times a year and the occasional message from their clerk.
They are devoted to their church, tightly knit and care deeply for it. They have an elder Ted has trained to provide communion and lead a service and they are grateful for that. They have found it difficult to find preachers and use this elder almost every week. They are hopeful Alma College can provide the occasional student who is seriously considering the ministry to preach from time to time.

Here are their responses.
1a.What has been the role of Presbytery with regard to your congregation?
1. In the past, Presbytery assisted us in resolving some tax issues. 2. They have helped us with pulpit supply, although that seems to have dried up. 3. They trained Kim McKenzie such that she can administer communion, run the service and helped with her cost associated with the Alma College class on preaching. 4. They also provided us with a Moderator
1b What would you like it to be. We would like to see a Lay Pastor program be developed.

2a. How do you participate in the Presbytery? 1. We have not attended a meeting in a very long time. We turn to them when we have a problem and know we can use our Moderator as the connection.
2b. How would you like to participate in the Presbytery? 1. Kim McKenzie indicated a desire to serve a committee.

3.a What ideas do you have for the short and long term leadership of the Presbytery? 1. We need a leader! Maybe they could serve the Presbytery on a part time basis and provide pulpit supply each Sunday.

Beaverton was a different story. They are well connected with Memorial and have turned to Presbytery for assistance when necessary. They also have the advantage of a part time Pastor.

1a. What has been the role of Presbytery in regard to your Congregation?
1. Presbytery assisted in getting funding for a part time Pastor. 2. They have always been supportive when asked. 3. Had a good relationship with the former Executive. 4. Both Memorial and Presbytery assisted us with funds and technical advice with our building repair. It could not have happened without their combined help. 5. We feel reassured we could turn to them again should the need arise.
1b. What would you like it to be?

1. Had a close relationship with former Executive and want that to continue with the replacement. 2. Pastor feels isolated. 3. We have concerns about COVID, Zoom services and uncertainty about Executive change.

2a. How do you participate in the Presbytery?
1. Before COVID we always had a representative attend meetings. 2. We had people on the Nominating Committee and Presbyterian Women. Our aging Congregation and its size may present problems in the future. 3. COVID may have caused us to have less interest. 4. We always enjoyed the meetings.
2b. How would you like to participate in the Presbytery?
1. Don't see a change in desire not to become as engaged in Presbytery. Maybe things will change

Question 3. What ideas do you have for short and long term leadership in the Presbytery ?

1. The Executive job is never done, even after 60-80 hours a week. 2. Many churches have needs. Can't do it with a part time person. 3. Presbytery needs to help with clergy burn-out. Pastors need to see their successes, not just the problems they must solve.

From Sally Pomeroy at Croswell-First:

PRESBYTERY RESPONSES TO QUESTIONNAIRE
First Presbyterian Church, Croswell

1A. What has been the role of Presbytery regarding your congregation?
- EP should not have as much power as the ex-EP
- Our experience was very negative
- Help in new pastor searches through the years
- EP filled in as pulpit supply on limited occasions
- Resource for questions regarding end of year reports, and much more through the year
- Limited to support in pastor search process and pulpit supply

1B. What would you like it to be?
- More available if needed
- Better connection with assigned liaisons
- Help small churches in the Thumb

2A. How do you participate in Presbytery?
- Women and church support Presbytery
- Pastor participates in Presbytery meetings
- One of our members is currently on COM
- Used to be an integral part of Thumb Ministry Group which was a group Presbytery asked to be formed many years ago
- Served on COM several terms
- Financial mission support
- Limited attendance at Presbytery meetings

2B. How would you like to participate in the Presbytery?
- Snowbird now so not interested in too much of a commitment

3. What ideas do you have for short- and long-term leadership of the Presbytery?
- I wish I had ideas for this question!
- Don't have a good enough understanding of how current leadership is operating

Defining Our Identity & Imagining the Future of
Lake Huron Presbytery

Church: Fraser
COMMP/Council Rep: Christina Jensen
Date: 7/25/22

1	a. What has been the role of Presbytery in regard to your congregation?
	-last 16 months good – thanks Linda Kennan! -before that, a hindrance to getting things done. Big thanks to Ted for help – no support from Dan. -No help with Linda G. Slow response. No support – actually a roadblock. Presbytery didn't have congregation's back – there was a feeling of lip service being paid when the congregation was "known" to presbytery, but nothing when not.
	b. What would you like it to be?
	-please have a relationship between COMMP liaison and congregation. And if there is a conflict, help! -liaison visits (or at least touching base/communication) need to happen -don't interfere when not needed, but partner with us
2	a. How do you participate in the Presbytery?
	-we are back to having a commissioner at presbytery meetings -in the past, we were involved in the presbytery committees on small churches
	b. How would you like to participate in the Presbytery?
	-not really more than what we've done/are doing at this point
3.	What ideas do you have for short and long term leadership of the Presbytery?
	-involvement flexibility for younger generations (work age) -better communication -participation in causes that interest the church members – get back to the people in the pews (i.e. assault victim support and what affects our local communities)

Church: Kinde
COMMP/Council Rep: Christina Jensen
Date: 7/14/22

1	a. What has been the role of Presbytery in regard to your congregation?
	-non-existent, hands off and not interested -a stumbling block to progress -past experiences have led to a lack of trust -if presbytery had been there, Harbor Beach wouldn't have fallen apart -the experience with Matthew
	b. What would you like it to be?
	- direct communication -more support
2	a. How do you participate in the Presbytery?
	-we don't – lack of support leads to a lack of interest -meetings are not at convenient times -Thumb Ministry group was a good try.
	b. How would you like to participate in the Presbytery?
	-more convenient times for meetings -we'd be interested in hosting presbytery or being the featured congregation (March)
3.	What ideas do you have for short and long term leadership of the Presbytery?
	-visit the churches and get to know the congregations

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Church: Fairgrove
COMMP/Council Rep: Christina Jensen
Date: 7/28/22

1	c. What has been the role of Presbytery in regard to your congregation?
	-nothing of sorts -presbytery paid part of Philomena's salary, but also handpicked her to be pastor (by Dan – session perception) -presbytery facilitated the "division" conversations, ie "what are you really looking for," but didn't help heal the rift – "disappeared" after those initial conversations. -session was told by EP (Louise) "whatever the pastor wants, the pastor gets" and church kids were ignored when they asked important questions
	d. What would you like it to be?
	-more help from COMMP regarding calling the next pastor -a presence with the church for connectivity – more support -stop pushing away people who we (session) connect with. Talk with all parties involved before just making decisions for them. -"Our feelings matter to us and they should matter to you."
2	c. How do you participate in the Presbytery?
	-We pay our per capita -we are involved with Presbyterian Women -We regularly send a rep to the presbytery meetings
	d. How would you like to participate in the Presbytery?

	-we'd like to get more people involved at the presbytery level, so we can connect better. Just because one knows doesn't mean everyone knows. -change presbytery meeting times for better involvement. -can the meetings be more interactive? -separate the meeting from the worship & continuing ed.
3.	What ideas do you have for short and long term leadership of the Presbytery?
	-we don't need a one-person exec. Perhaps regional leadership team? Manageable sizes for better networking and communication. -think outside the box – pulpit supply for the area and expand the supply list OR work with smaller churches and first ordained call pastors. -listen when we have ideas to solve our problems and stop saying "but we've never done it that way before." -catch up with the 21st century -we're all in this together, and pretty intelligent people. Let's work together.

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Church: Chandler
COMMP/Council Rep: Christina Jensen
Date: 7/14/22

1	e. What has been the role of Presbytery in regard to your congregation?
	-non-existent -presbytery pulled a previous pastor with no reason given, and congregation was told not to ask questions but still pay/benefits. No updates given on return or forward movement. -not there when needed, and were there when not needed. -Harbor Beach – Louise B and the Grimneses – mishandled! We figured it out and presbytery was not happy. There's been a lack of support for clergy.
	f. What would you like it to be?
	- brainstorming with presbytery – sharing resources and support with others. -listen to us more than telling us what to do – be open-minded
2	e. How do you participate in the Presbytery?
	-we don't. Not comfortable because we don't feel that we are being listened to/heard.
	f. How would you like to participate in the Presbytery?
	-start attending presbytery meetings and figuring out how to participate in the life of the presbytery
3.	What ideas do you have for short and long term leadership of the Presbytery?
	-treat each congregation with equality/justice/equity -we need leaders that are held accountable to the congregations and leaders who care enough to show up.