

Presbytery of Southern New England Roundtable Report February 2025

The Roundtable met on December 4, 2024, and January 7 and 21, 2025. Additional meetings were added this year to allow time for discussion of how to improve/enhance participation at Presbytery meetings. Roundtable voted to form a team to bring back topics for discussion.

To date, those discussions have centered on meeting format (in person, online, and hybrid meetings); encouraging and enhancing relationship building; accessibility; broadening and deepening engagement; building an understanding of what presbytery and the larger denomination does; and logistical/technological considerations.

Discussions will continue, however there will be a survey following the February 11 Presbytery meeting to gather feedback from both clergy and elders on these ideas and Roundtable decided that the February meeting will include an educational component on the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance program.

At the October Presbytery meeting, Roundtable was asked to form a Vision Planning team on what PSNE would look like in 3, 5, and 10 years. Mark Montgomery has taken the lead in contacting people to be on the team with input from Roundtable members. The vision team will consider the financial future of the presbytery, the purpose and goals of Presbytery, review staffing and volunteer models, resources, as well as review the existing budget needs, mission and ministry priorities, and partnership opportunities with other presbyteries. There is a hope that the team will seek more creativity and clarity of vision for the future.