

NEW JERSEY MISSIONAL COMMUNITIES
TRANSITIONS WORKING GROUP
UPDATES AND RECOMMENDATIONS



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The particular responsibility of the councils of the church is to nurture, guide, and govern those who witness as part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), to the end that such witness strengthens the whole church and gives glory to God.

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What are we building?

*How will life together as NJ Presbyterians
be enhanced beyond boundaries
and structures?*



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"...this change should be a move away from a model that centers on legal and administrative organization towards a missional community so that our congregations and specialized ministries can be empowered to be *the church engaged in the mission of God in its particular context.*"

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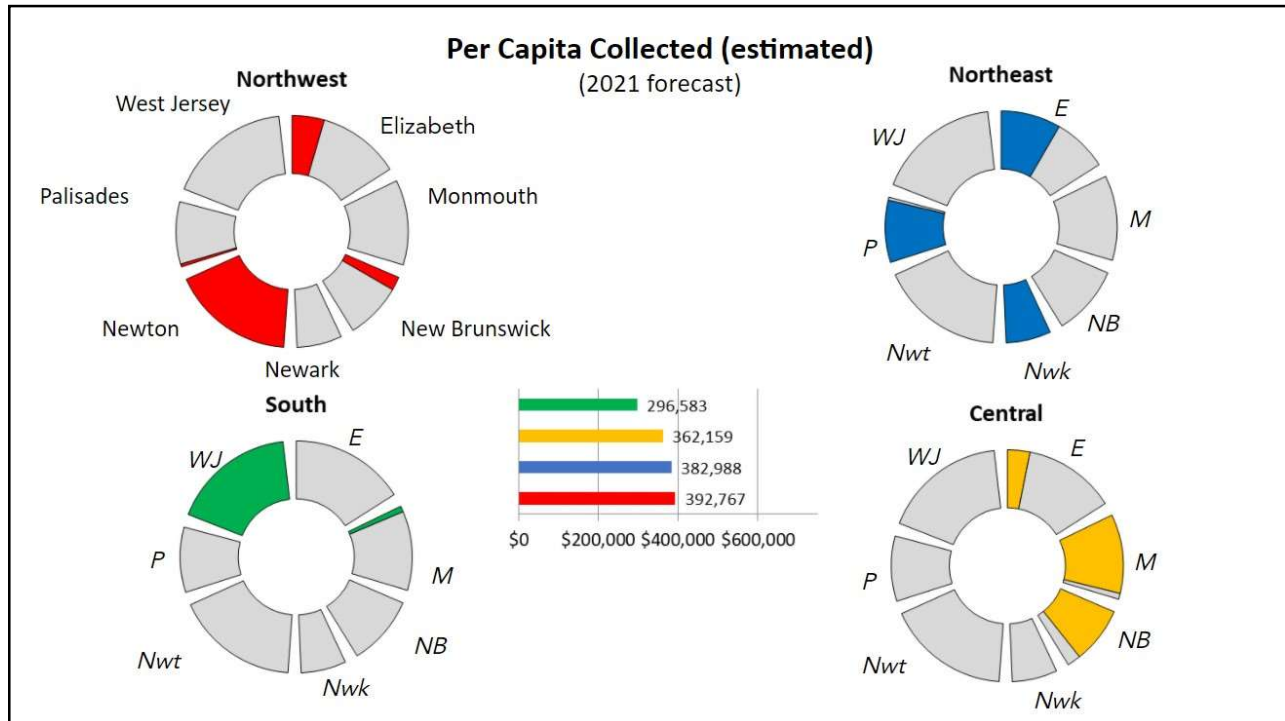


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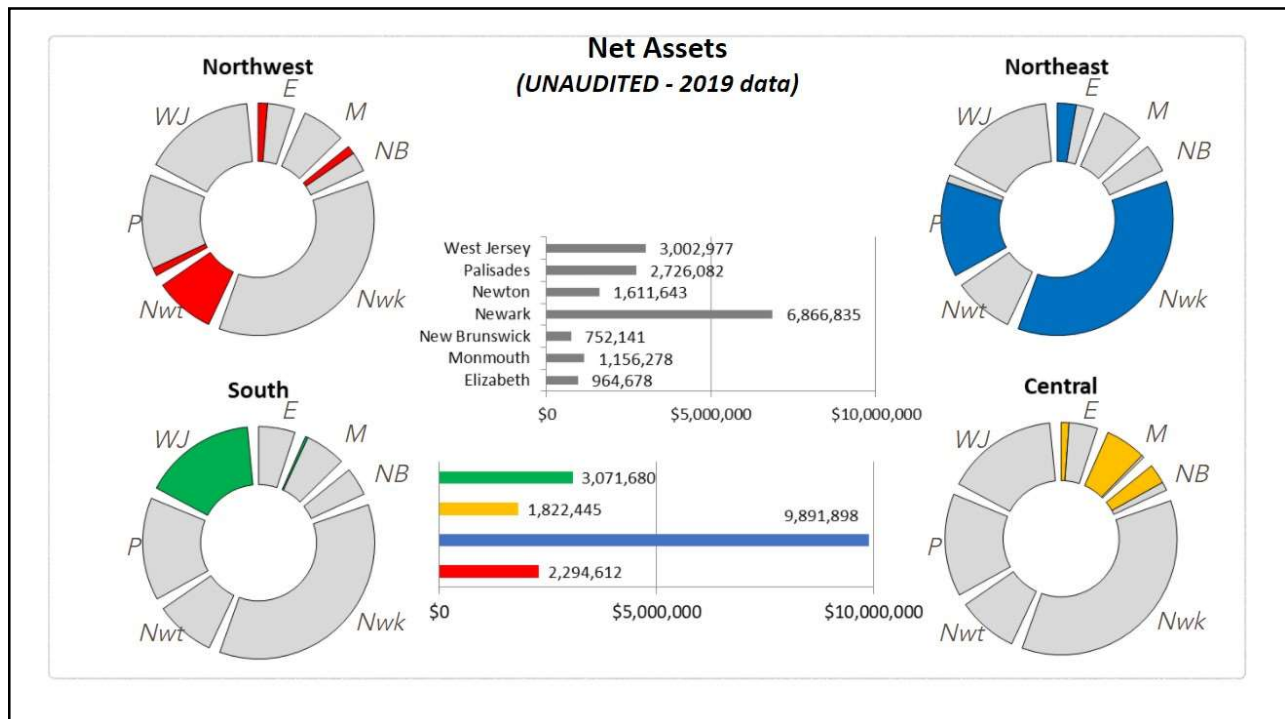
ANALYSIS OF FOUR NEW MISSIONAL COMMUNITIES/PRESBYTERIES

- Per capita apportionment and net assets are summarized in four donut figures to show how these numbers flow from the current presbyteries to the four new missional communities.
- The bright-colored slices within each donut section show the portion moving to the new missional community.
- The bar chart shows all totals for the four new missional communities.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

Next Steps for the New Missional Communities

1. Names and Boundaries

- a. New presbytery name, bylaws, trustees
(required by Day 1)
- b. Leadership board/team
- c. Committees for Book of Order mandated functions
- d. First presbytery meeting date
- e. Nomination of presbytery officers
(for further reference, see page 11 of Report)



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RECOMMENDATIONS

2. Members of the Presbytery

- a. Ministers of Word and Sacrament move with congregations or validated ministries
- b. Members at Large and HR - may choose their new presbytery
- c. Commissioned Ruling Elders will retain their commission and move with their congregation



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RECOMMENDATIONS

3. Financial Resources and Real Property

- a. Donor-restricted funds shall remain intact by prior agreement
- b. Board-restricted funds may also remain intact by prior agreement
- c. Real property not associated with a congregation is listed in the motion - priority was given to geographic location
- d. Staff transition plan and unified budget
- e. Adoption of shared resources and services with other presbyteries
- f. Perform a full financial audit



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RECOMMENDATIONS

4. Starting Our New Lives Together

- a. All items on page 11 of the Report should be completed within 1 year of Day 1 (date of GA Commission approval)

5. Seamless Transition

- a. The proposed Synod Administrative Commission is intended to provide coverage of required tasks before, during and after transition for current and future presbyteries



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"While diversity in all forms defines the technical details at the core of the four presbytery/missional community model, the whole of this model is wrapped in the missional community to which God calls us." (Report, p. 6)



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MOVING FORWARD

- Presentation of the recommended composition of the new northeast, northwest, south, and central presbyteries.
- Partners in new communities continue to work toward agreement on new governance and resource harmonization.
- Vote by the existing presbyteries on the ecclesial/congregational composition of the proposed presbyteries - We Are Here!
- Vote by the Synod of the Northeast to approve recommendation(s).
- Vote by the General Assembly Administrative Commission on Mid Councils to approve recommendation(s).
- March 1, 2021: Life begins together!



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