

# Joint Presbytery Meeting Highlights

## August 24, 2024



Kendall and Boise Presbyteries called a special meeting at First Presbyterian (Twin Falls) and by Zoom to consider a task force recommendation of merger. The recommendation followed more than two years of discernment about our futures and possibilities for collaborative ministry. Guided by the Book of Ruth, we readied ourselves for the journey.

### Preparing for the Journey

We started the morning getting to know our fellow travelers. We welcomed Rev. Mary Westfall (Coastlands Presbytery) to lead us in worship, which included a live enactment of the covenant Ruth & Naomi made together.



### Mapping the Journey

With a suitcase of souvenirs from their journey so far, the task force members and Synod Executive Nancy Martin Vincent answered questions about the recommendation.

Over lunch wonderfully hosted by First Pres., meeting participants further explored the possibilities and practical issues merger holds. The group broke into separate meeting rooms for additional conversation.



### Vote on Merger Recommendation Was Unanimous!

Both presbyteries moved the recommendation. Following the best parliamentary process our co-moderators could handle on the fly, we seconded, debated, amended, and eventually approved -- **by a unanimous vote from both presbyteries** -- a motion to request authority from the Synod of the Pacific to develop a Plan of Merger, targeting January 1, 2026 to complete the formal merger. The Synod will consider this request at its October Assembly.

### The Journey Begins

Both presbyteries also approved the formation of a Merger Coordination Task Force to work together on the Plan of Merger details. As the work proceeds, a new name will be selected through a contest, so start imagining!

### Covenant Promises for the Journey

We closed with Covenant Promises:

- We covenant to be companions on the journey.**
- We covenant to faithful discipleship.**
- We covenant to a new future together.**

