



## AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DISCUSSION – NOVEMBER 10, 2020

As part of the Presbytery Assembly meeting, we will be forming small breakout groups for discussions focused on Building Congregational Vitality, one of the three focus areas of the Matthew 25 initiative. The others are Dismantling Structural Racism and Eradicating Systemic Poverty.

People will be put in random groups, with an assigned moderator. Everyone should briefly introduce themselves then discuss the following questions. We will not have a report back to the assembly, but moderators are urged to take notes and place them in the chat when we return from the breakout rooms.

Based on the "[7 Marks of a Vital Congregation](#)", which is much more than numbers of people who worship together in a building, please consider:

1. "How has your congregation been the hands, feet, heart, and mouth of Jesus Christ for people who are suffering or marginalized in your community or surrounding area?"
2. "What is your congregation doing to build caring relationships with others, modeled on God's love for all people, which leads to genuine reconciliation and peace?"

*Food for thought from the news:*

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