

The Presbytery of New Hope



A photograph of a red pawn and a group of yellow pawns on a wooden surface. The red pawn is on the left, and the yellow pawns are on the right. The background is a dark, gradient grey.

Grounded and Growing

A Practice of Discernment

July 22, 2024

- **discernment**
- **noun**
- **dis·cern·ment** di-'sərn-mənt -'zərn-
- **Synonyms of discernment**
- **1 : the quality of being able to grasp and comprehend what is obscure : skill in discerning**
- **2 : an act of perceiving or discerning something**

What is a leadershift?

*It is an ability and
willingness to make a
leadership change
that will positively
enhance
organizational and
personal growth.*



Leadershift: The 11 Essential Changes Every Leader Must Embrace by John Maxwell

Leadershift is the ongoing process of adapting and evolving your leadership style.

It requires constant learning, unlearning, and relearning.

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We are a Matthew 25 Presbytery

**We joined this PCUSA movement in 2020,
making a commitment to embrace these
areas of focus:**

Building congregational vitality

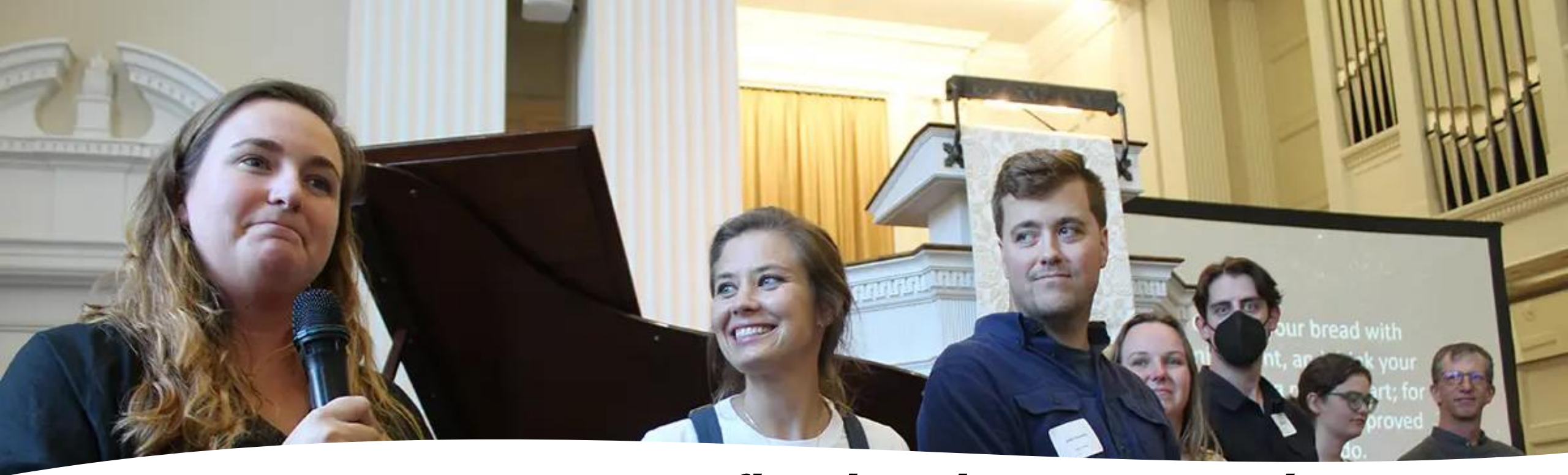
Dismantling structural racism

Eradicating systemic poverty



**The mission
of the
Presbytery
of New Hope:**

...to build relationships, equip and serve together as the body of Christ with congregations and communities to move all toward God's vision of love, justice, hope and peace.



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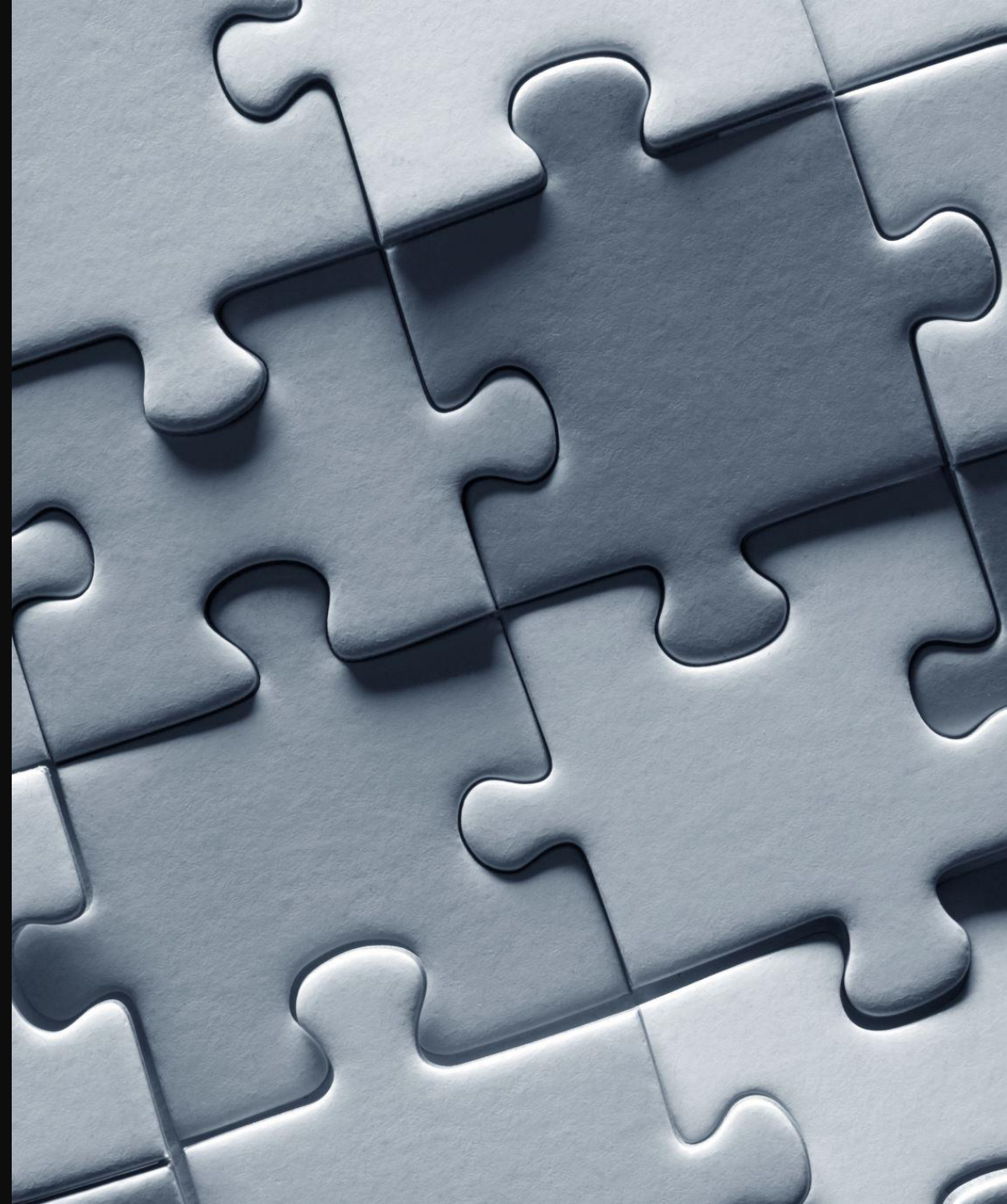
***From Efland to the Outer Banks,
spanning 34 counties, with 111
congregations, three New
Worshipping Communities,
representing 23,457 members, we are
serving eastern North Carolina.***

How Do I Understand My Personal Calling As A Follower of Jesus Christ?

A personal calling statement is a faith statement. It is your best understanding to date of who God has called you to be and what God is calling you to do for God's glory.

**A personal calling statement
has at least three key
benefits:**

- **Direction**
 - **Decision-making**
 - **Fulfillment**
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**Vision is about where
you are going...**

**Culture is about what you are
doing!**

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Leadershift empowers you to navigate change and lead your congregation effectively.

Leadershift, as John Maxwell emphasizes, is not a one-time event; it's a continuous journey of growth and development

**Pebbles turns 61! ABC's
"The Flintstones" welcomed
baby Pebbles on this day in
1963. Yabba Dabba Doo!**



Grocery Prices in 2004

- Eggs (1 dozen):
\$1.34 (\$1.85 in
today's dollars)

- Bread (1 pound):
\$0.97 (\$1.34 in
today's dollars)

- Bacon (1 pound):
\$3.38 (\$4.66 in
today's dollars)

- Steak (1 pound):
\$4.13 (\$5.69 in
today's dollars)

- Potatoes (1
pound): \$0.45
(\$0.62 in today's
dollars)

- Milk (1 gallon):
\$3.16 (\$4.35 in
today's dollars)

Ways Life Has Changed Since 2000 That You Haven't Noticed

You Don't Memorize
Anyone's Phone
Number Anymore.
...

Selfies Are
Considered Totally
Normal. ...

Smoking Vanished
from Restaurants
Completely. ...

Retail Giants Are
Slowly Disappearing

Kale and Quinoa
Changed Our Eating
Habits. ...

"Friend" Became a
Verb.



Romans 12:2 New Revised Standard Version

2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect

Romans 12:2 The Message

Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.



Know Your Why

Michael Jr.



BREAK TIME

YouTube [michaeljrcomedy](#)

The background is a vibrant, abstract composition of various shapes and patterns. It includes a large blue shape with white wavy lines, a brown shape with a black dashed pattern, a green shape with a white dotted pattern, and a grey shape with a white dotted pattern. There are also several small, black, squiggly lines scattered throughout the design.

***When It Comes to
Cultivating Connectedness
and Social Innovation, Aim
For Discoverables, Not
Deliverables***

By De'Amon Harges, Michael Mather, and Mark Latta



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