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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

After much conversation, meeting, and prayerful consideration, the discernment task forces of Beaver-Butler and Shenango Presbyteries recommended that our presbyteries take a significant step in the direction of a presbytery merger. This recommendation was unanimously approved by the Shenango Council and Beaver-Butler Coordinating Team. The final decision for full merger will require a vote of both presbyteries.

In order to provide some clarity about what that choice would entail, we have commissioned a Dream Team of representative leaders from each presbytery. This team will work together, exploring best practices and analyzing each presbytery for signature strengths, assets, and unique mission components in order to ensure that the best of who we each are is retained as we envision a new way of serving our churches. This team will 'design' a new presbytery including name, office locations, and leadership structure. The Dream Team will aspire to articulate a picture of a brand new presbytery for the needs of today's church in our place and time.

Because we want to hear from you, opportunities over the next six months will be provided for Q&A, meeting and greeting, and expressing concerns, creative ideas, and aspirations. Ultimately, after this period of exploration, a full vote of both presbyteries will be held, and a final decision will be made. We ask you to join with us in prayer as we continue to discern the future of our presbyteries.

The dates for the above mentioned events are:

January (date TBD)	Pastors workshop/event of Beaver-Butler Presbytery
March 17	Beaver-Butler's Presbytery leadership/administrative training event.
March 18-19	Shenango Presbytery's bi-annual pastor's retreat at Villa Maria.
May 18	Leaderfest training held by Shenango Presbytery

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