



# **PRESBYTERY OF NEVADA'S**

## **VERSION OF OPEN SPACE**

### **What is IT?**

Open Space is a time for people to gather in small groups at Presbytery meetings around an interesting topic. Our topic will be: The Hope for the Denomination.

### **GUIDELINES:**

- Appoint a Facilitator and a note-taker from the group.
- Whoever comes is the right person.
- When it's over, it's over.
- The Law of Mobility: if you are neither learning nor contributing, join another group where you can be inspired.
- Be prepared to be surprised.

### **Conversation Guidelines: Please practice and encourage these conversation guidelines:**

- Open-mindedness: Listen to and respect all points of view.
- Acceptance: Suspend judgment as best you can.
- Curiosity: Seek to understand rather than persuade.
- Discovery: Question assumptions, look for new insights.
- Sincerity: Speak what has personal heart and meaning.
- Brevity: Go for honesty and depth but don't go on and on.
- Use Law of Mobility: Take responsibility for your participation.

### **Conversation Facilitator Guidelines:**

If you volunteer or are chosen to facilitate an Open Space conversation at our Presbytery meeting, the process is simple:

- This is not a workshop but a place to host good conversation.
- Trust that what the Holy Spirit wants to say will emerge in the space of open and honest conversation.
- Remember, the appointed Facilitator will be summarizing your comments so we can all discern insights that may be helpful for future meetings and decisions.

