

Response:

My parishioner who attended last night's gathering suggests "Freshwater Conference"...as a new name.

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I have been meaning to share some feedback since we attended the listening session in Oberlin.

1. First let me thank you all for taking on this very important task. We heard the difficulties of shaping a new structure, but, I believe with God's Help, it will come to fruition.

2. I affirm and encourage your process of Listening Sessions throughout the Conference. I support the idea of giving all those that would like too, an opportunity to ask questions, offer suggestions and pose concerns. This is the "congregational" way :-)

3. Do not be discouraged by those that say "you do the structure" or express little interest in the details (location) Believe me, they will care after its done.

4. [redacted] and I talked about a name and came up with "NOW" i.e.

Northern Kentucky, Ohio, W. Virginia.

5. I did share info with my home church [redacted] and encouraged members to use email to share questions, comments, etc.

[email author referenced the book of Esther, "for such a time as this" **Now** is the timea beginning Mission Statement might be,]

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- *resources that support and enable local church ministry
- * provide opportunities for participation in Social Justice, ecumenism and evangelism
- * encourage partnerships and networking among congregations.