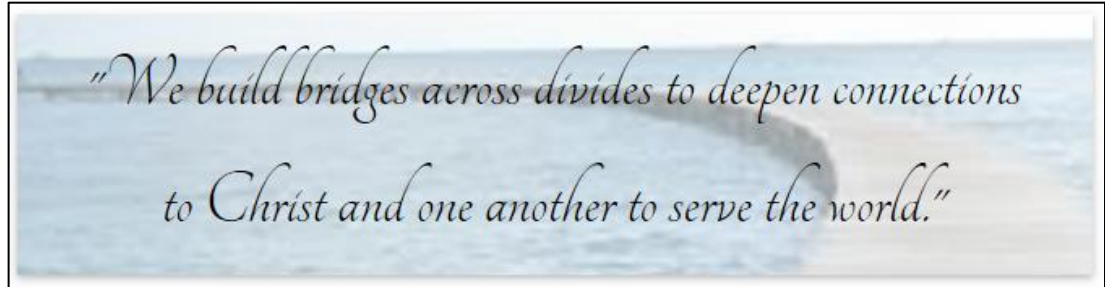


November 1, 2018

Dear Friends,



This purpose statement, adopted by the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia Council, is a wonderful image of what it means to be a Presbytery. It reminds us of where we live: on peninsulas, shore lines and river sides. It reminds us that our ability to serve, worship and fellowship is dependent on bridges to cross the waters.

Paul reminds us that Christ has removed all things that divide us. (Ephesians 2:14) The bridges we build between our diverse congregations continues to deepen our connections to Christ and to one another. We are a connectional church and our Presbytery is the primary bridge which connects us. We were reminded of the many ways our Presbytery connects our churches and facilitates our ministries in the *2019 Budget Narratives* presented at our October Presbytery meeting. Those narratives can be read on the PEVA website in the Presbytery meeting documents (<http://www.pcusa-peva.org/md>).

We build these bridges and make these connections to Christ and one another to serve the world. Our desire is to spread the gospel in Eastern Virginia, the United States and around the world.

I encourage each congregation to continue to build bridges by generously supporting our Presbytery, Synods and General Assembly. **Please prayerfully discern what your church can contribute to our mission and return your church's pledge by the January 26, 2019 Presbytery meeting so that we can connect with one another to serve the world.**

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John E. Morgan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Rev. Dr. John E. Morgan
Chair Stewardship Ministry Team