

## GENERAL PARAMETERS FOR DISCUSSIONS

Cluster groups and their conveners are asked

- To identify best practices now in use and models that may be commended for use
  - between seminary and judicatory
  - in seminary chapel life
  - for field education experiences
  - between congregation and judicatory (with particular emphasis on the advocacy relationship possible)
- To understand that, although the focus this year is on the seminary, we nonetheless urge that cluster group conversations intentionally seek the perspectives of judicatories and local churches in order to encourage and support cohesion and grow into community;
- To recognize that the boundaries that shape the groups are geographical, cultural, and contextual (for example, a seminary with a commuting student body will have different practices than a residential one);
- To realize an express need for cluster groups to seek intentional interface between the constituent groups (seminaries, judicatories, congregations);
- To seek diversity for the groups, with diversity defined as membership across denominational lines and membership of constituent groups; and
- To emphasize our desire for a grassroots outcome to the conversation.