

Here's the information to be shared with Presbytery:

- Check-in time is 4PM and check-out is 11AM.
- A reminder for all who requested a single room to bring \$50, either cash or a cheque payable to **Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod**.
- The Coast Hotel is at 526 Mayor Magrath Dr. S. Map at: <https://www.google.ca/maps/place/526+Mayor+Magrath+Dr+S,+Lethbridge,+AB+T1J+3M2/@49.6925894,-112.812855,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x536e864d07d32151:0xecd009b74c0fcaaa!8m2!3d49.692586!4d-112.810661>
- St. Andrew's Church is at 1818 5 Ave S. Map at: <https://www.google.ca/maps/dir//st+andrew's+presbyterian+church+lethbridge+ab/@49.6931439,-112.8853573,12z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m8!4m7!1m0!1m5!1m1!1s0x536e864cbb2f37e9:0x75474460523f7318!2m2!1d-112.8153177!2d49.693165> (It's approximately a 5 minute walk from the hotel, according to Google.)

Here is the pre-reads and videos from Charles to help you prepare for the his Sessions:

- For those interested in new models of church developed in the PCUSA I recommend the 1001 new worshipping communities website of the PCUSA <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/1001-2/> and the video vignettes telling stories of such emerging communities at <http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/1001-2/about-1001/videos/>. I also recommend visiting the websites of the “Fresh Expressions” movements in the UK <https://www.freshexpressions.org.uk/> and Canada <http://www.freshexpressions.ca/>. In particular the videos of inspiring stories may be helpful for people to watch <https://www.freshexpressions.org.uk/stories>
- **For Those who Prefer to Learn by Reading:**
For those participants who prefer to read, they can access the following recent interview with Darryl Guder at <http://www.forgecanada.ca/a-conversation-with-darrell-guder/>. For those participants who are interested in reading theology and may be looking for a “meaty” missional reading of the bible I also attach two extracts from the writing of David Bosch. [One is on “the great commission” in Matthew](#) and [the other on reading Luke-Acts in a missional way](#).

Questions to think about in preparation for the retreat

- When was the last time I experienced awe in the presence of God?

- In what concrete ways am I aware that I, and people from my congregation, demonstrate love in action in my community?
- Who are those most on the margins, least loved, and least able to contribute to the financial viability of my congregation in our neighbourhood and city or town?
- Who in my neighbourhood/city/town might feel unwelcome, rejected, or afraid to be with people in a Christian church?
- To what extent does my congregation inspire hope in me?
- To what extent might my congregation lead me to feel hopeless?
- How would I describe a “successful congregation”?
- What is salvation?
- [The Word Document containing the above can be downloaded here.](#)