

# Questions We're Not Done With

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## MST – FINAL VERSION, last congregational meeting – The Future Questions

We have heard a lot at this point . . .

And now, my job in this presentation is to bring this information and these questions down to the core issues that are about our future church.

So I will raise them and put them into the form of questions for us to pursue. . .

- We are learning to more deeply admire, love, and care for one another and we want to grow our relationships. By the way, The Mission Study Team is so pleased about what has happened at these congregational gatherings that we are asking ourselves how congregational conversations might be made periodic events in the life of the community.  
**We need to continue to find ways to connect and communicate, what will they be?**
- Financial sustainability will be extremely important as we move forward with our work.)  
**Are there new ways to find financial support for the activities of our church?**
- There is increased interest in and concern for growing our church.  
**What new ways will we find to get the word out about Montclair Presbyterian Church?**
- The intergenerational gaps are a deep concern to us. It was of particular importance in the last Mission Study and continues to be so, as seen in the survey. We need to address this more directly as it has an important connection to the growth of our congregation.  
**What will be the ways that we can bridge the intergenerational gaps?**
- We want to be actively involved in social justice matters. Perhaps there are links to this issue in our desire to bridge the intergenerational gaps and in our new awareness of the needs in our neighborhood - needs that became very clear in the congregational meeting that included the principals of our nearby schools.  
**What are the implications for how we do social activism and what are the opportunities for how to do it differently?**

- MPC is a place where we can grow in balance of heart and mind – we want religious and spiritual conversation, intellectual AND emotional engagement.

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To finish, we want to acknowledge that there is strength in our collective wisdom and we're going to continue to work to find the answers together.

We have been in conversation with God, and we as a team and we as a church community, need to continue to discern what we are being called to do.

Thank you so much for hearing us today, and for your continuing concern for the work we are doing.

We will now be moving into a period for your comments and questions so I hand this over to Beth for her leadership.



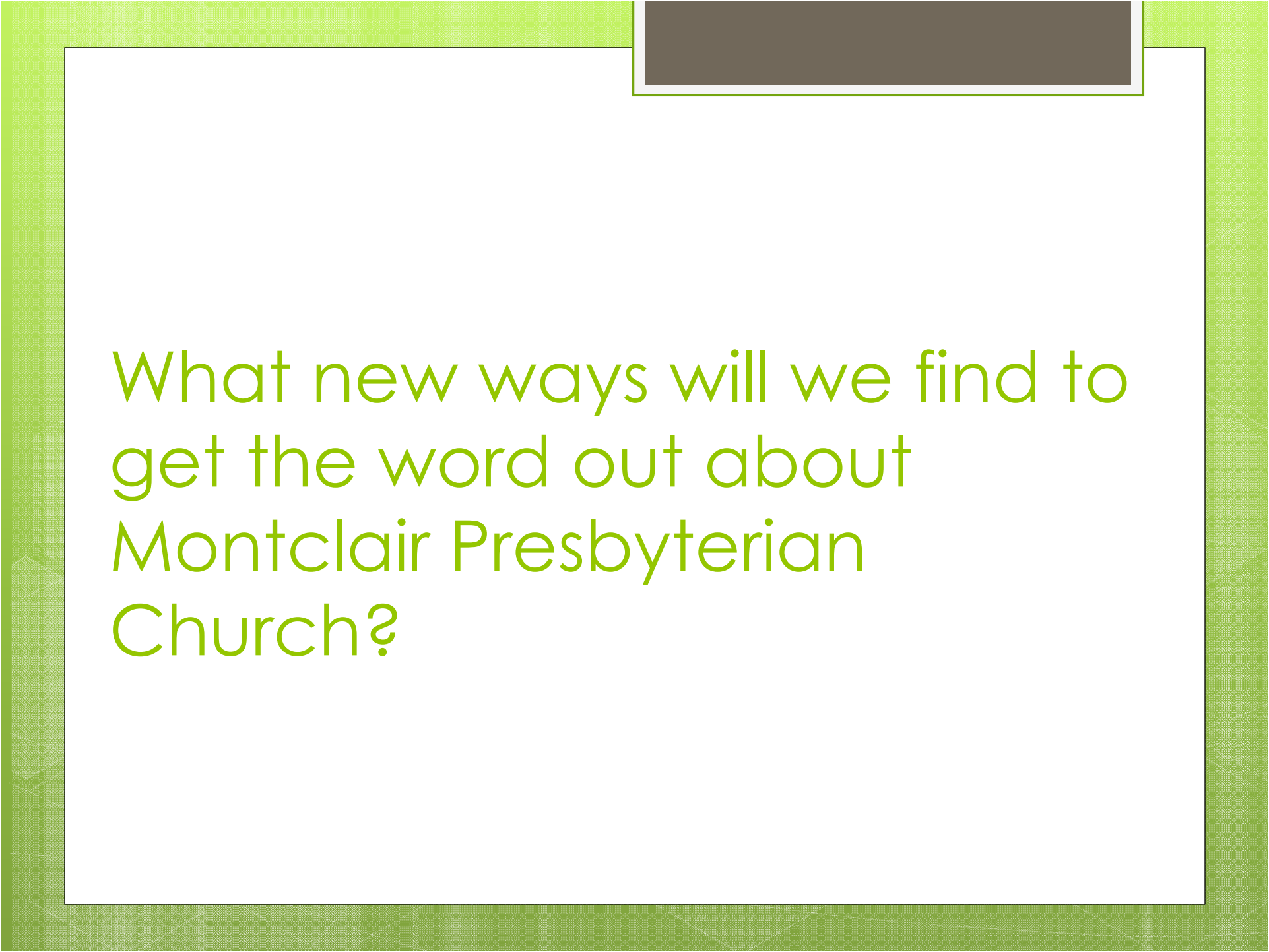
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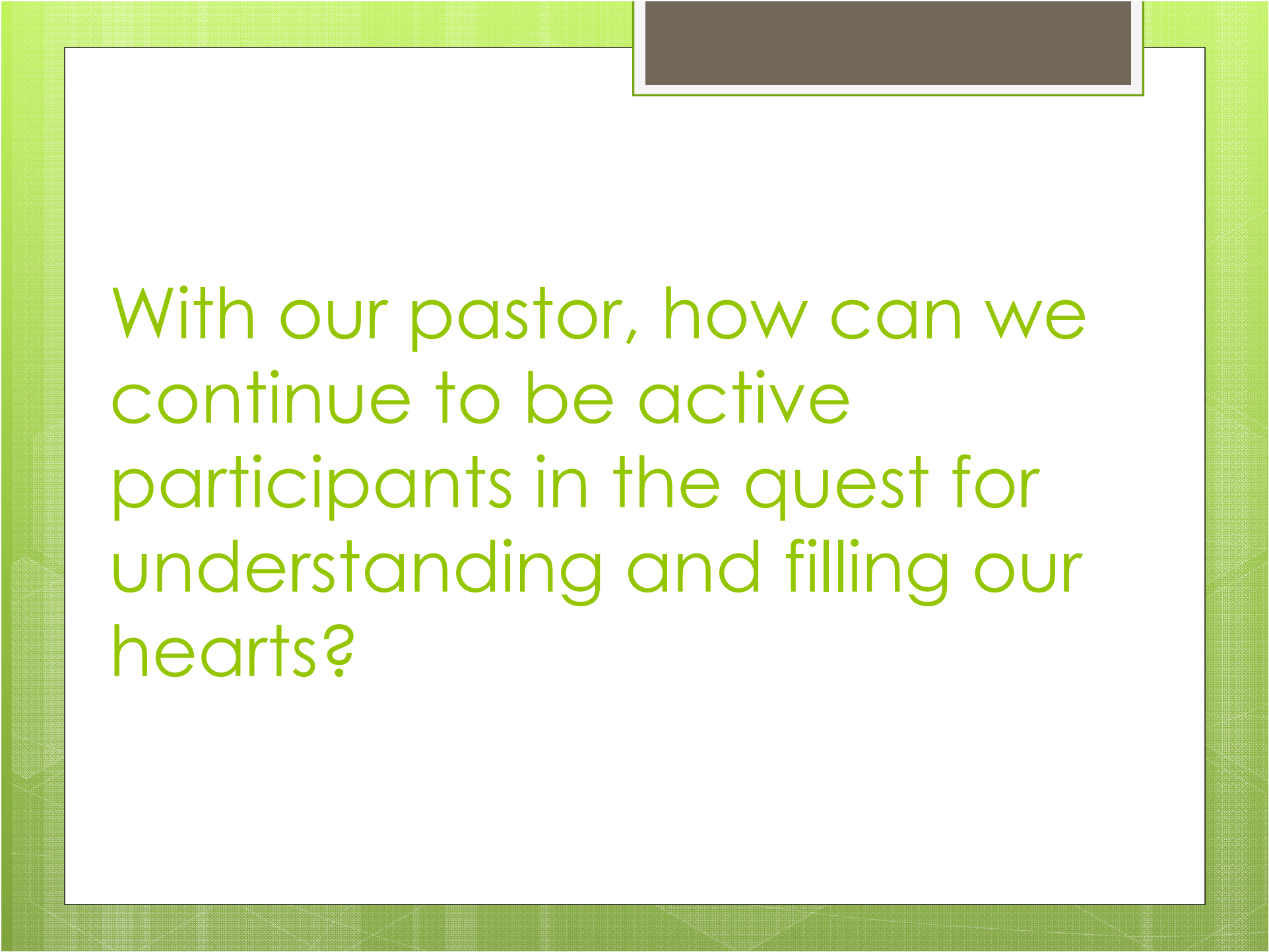


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