

Friends,

I attended the Mathew 25 Summit held in Atlanta, GA beginning on January 15, 2024 ending on January 18, 2024. The time spent was very challenging , invigorating and enlighten as to what we as a church can accomplish by becoming a Matthew 25 church, and being actively engaged in the world.

The worship leaders, speakers and presenters all were well versed in their presentations.

A Matthew 25 church call us to actively engage in the world around us, So our faith comes alive, then can see new possibilities. We are to act boldly and compassionately to see our neighbors through Jesus eyes and serve those who are marginalized, people who are hungry, thirsty, naked, sick, imprisoned, strangers, poor or oppressed and in need.

To accomplish these task, we can help our denomination become more relevant in the world by a more relevant presence in the world by: Connecting and uniting the PC (USA), creating a network that energizes and join us in a common mission together. Showing our understanding as Presbyterians Christians that we are “saved to serve” those who need God and radical love of Jesus.

I learned that the themes of Matthew 25 are grounded in the gospel. Jesus calls us to serve with and for the least of these, not as a group to be pitied, but as people who are loved by Jesus.

During this week some areas that were explored were: Building congregational vitality, Dismantling structural racism and eradicating systemic poverty.

The New Life Presbyterian Church, where the summit was held was very a very good venue, its pastor and congregation were very good host.

Peace,

Al Mullice