



PRESBYTERY OF THE
CASCADES



Over the past two years, a task force commissioned by the Presbytery Leadership Commission of the Presbytery of the Cascades has worked alongside the Future Generations Collaborative, the Leaven Land and Housing Coalition, and Westminster Presbyterian Church, Portland to develop Barbie's Village on the site of the former Presbyterian Church of Laurelhurst. Barbie's Village is envisioned by the Future Generations Collaborative as a tiny home village for indigenous families experiencing houselessness in the Portland Metro area.

For action at the Fall Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of the Cascades, held on November 3, 2023, the Presbytery Leadership Commission brought forth the following motion for consideration:

"In the spirit of repair and healing toward the indigenous community, work toward the transfer of the site of the Presbyterian Church of Laurelhurst, Portland, to the Future Generations Collaborative for \$1, once the following conditions have been met:

1. Receipt of satisfactory documentation that the entity receiving the property is duly incorporated and legally capable of owning the property.
2. Receipt of satisfactory documentation that the property shall not be sold or otherwise alienated except to an organization controlled by Native Americans.
3. Satisfactory legal documentation protecting the Presbytery from future liabilities.
4. With full adherence to the Transfer agreement drafted by legal counsel working on behalf of the Presbytery of the Cascades."

This motion was approved by the Presbytery of the Cascades by a vote of 135 in the affirmative and 24 in the negative.

The approval of this motion initiates the transfer of the Laurelhurst property to the Future Generations Collaborative as soon as the presbytery and the Future Generations Collaborative are able to complete their mutual due diligence and satisfy relevant legal requirements.

As a regional governing body of the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Presbytery of the Cascades is committed to participating in the reconciling works of Jesus Christ in the world. As an expression of this commitment, we are delighted to offer this gift of land as a way to tangibly participate in repair and healing alongside the indigenous community in our region. We celebrate the vision, hope, and mission of Barbie's Village, and hope to be supportive long-term partners as their dream takes shape on this land.