

## CHAPTER 7 – MISSION COMMITTEE

### PURPOSE:

- ~~To coordinate, develop and execute strategies in concert with the mission and community outreach commitments of the congregations of the Presbytery.~~
- ~~To exercise oversight and authority over immigrant congregations, new worshipping communities and new church developments.~~
- Serve as the agency of the Presbytery which will interpret the mission of the Presbytery to its congregations and members, and request their financial support of the mission of the Presbytery (Stewardship).

### FUNCTIONS:

#### Mission and Community Outreach

- Provide the means by which the mission endeavors of the ~~congregations~~mission partners of the Presbytery can communicate, network and combine energy in creative relationships which further the mission goals of the congregations.
- Develop criteria, assess applications and award grants to ~~congregations or clusters of congregations~~mission partners to augment their mission goals.
- ~~Provide program support for ministries in concert with one or more congregations in the Presbytery.~~
- Annually prepare a budget for mission expenses (account 5000) and submit to ~~Administration Committee~~Leadership Commission for incorporation into the annual Presbytery budget.~~for presentation to the Leadership Team.~~

#### New Church Development and New Worshipping Communities

- Recommend the formation of separate Administrative Commissions to oversee a particular New Worshipping Community development through the process of becoming a chartered congregation of the Presbyterian church (U.S.A.)
- Review the work of the Administrative Commission to include:
  - Exercise,~~the powers and~~delegate or assume the powers and the responsibilities of a session with jurisdiction over new worshipping communities, fellowships and new church developments as defined by the ~~Committee~~Commission.
  - Assign or withdraw particular *Book of Order* defined powers and responsibilities of a ~~Session~~ new worshipping community for new church development to the local leadership group recognized by the ~~Committee~~Commission.
  - Serve as the calling agency which will work in concert with the COM in the calling of teaching elders to serve these ministries. ~~Recommend the formation of separate Administrative Commissions to oversee a particular New Church Development through the process of becoming a chartered congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).~~
- Forward all actions to the Stated Clerk of Presbytery to be reported at the next meeting of Presbytery.

### Stewardship

- Seek financial support for the Presbytery's mission from congregations, members and other funding sources.
- Develop Stewardship interpretation resources and deliver them to the congregations and members of the Presbytery.
- Periodically review and make recommendations about the effectiveness of all Presbytery stewardship vehicles.

### General

- Administer the Mission Committee budget.
- Record minutes of all meetings and maintain accurate record of the work of the Mission Committee, which shall be filed in the Presbytery office.
- Submit a written report annually to the Leadership ~~Team~~ Commission.
- Develop, promote and encourage a sense of unity and community within the Presbytery de Cristo.

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

The Mission Committee will function as a committee and be composed of nine (9) members, ruling elders and teaching elders, in numbers as nearly equal as practicable, plus the liaison from the Leadership ~~Team~~ Commission, serving with voice but without vote. One member of this committee will be from Presbyterian Women.

The Committee shall be divided into three (3) equal classes, one of which is elected each year by the Presbytery. Term of service is three (3) years (full or partial) with an individual eligible to serve up to two (2) consecutive terms.

The Chair shall be elected from within the Committee for a term of one (1) year, with the individual eligible to serve up to three (3) years.

### **MEETINGS:**

Ordinarily the committee shall meet monthly or as often as necessary to accomplish the work.

### **STAFF:**

The work of the Committee shall be supported by the Presbytery Pastor and others as may be assigned by the Presbytery Pastor.

### **LINKAGES:**

The Mission Committee reports directly to the Presbytery on matters related to its Teams or when the Mission Committee has acted as empowered by the Presbytery.

### **POLICIES:**

See the policies of the Committee in the Appendix.