

Results from Presbytery Feedback

August 27, 2011 Woodlawn Chapel Presbyterian Church

14 Green Sheets were returned from discussion groups.

Number of groups selecting area listed at the beginning. Suggested edits are listed underneath statements.

4 **Provide leadership development resources and education for ministers and members of congregations.**

5 **Reach out and support racial ethnic and immigrant groups within our bounds.**

7 **Reach out and support youth and young adults within our bounds.**

Engage youth...

Reach out and support...within our bounds *including, but not limited to, ongoing development of camp and conference facility and programs at Mound Ridge.*

Reach out and support youth and young adults within our bounds. *(resources needed)*

4 **Develop effective means of strengthening relationships with rural congregations and those beyond the metro area.**

Strengthen relationship with *smaller* congregations & those beyond...

Develop effective means of strengthening relationships...metro area. *provide atmosphere and settings.*

3 **Initiate and support new church developments.**

1 **Support the ongoing development of camp and conference facility and programs at Mound Ridge.**

1 **Facilitate collegial and supportive relationships among ministers.***

Facilitate collegial...among ministers, *active and honorably retired.*

5 **Provide pastoral support to all the ministers of the presbytery.***

Provide pastoral support *and encouragement* to *ALL the ministers...*

Provide *more effective, compassionate and sensitive* pastoral support...

3 **Advocate and educate for societal issues not undertaken by congregations.**

Advocate and educate...not undertaken by *or rather rising out of* congregations

Advocate and educate for societal issues...(Fair Trade, etc)

9 **Encourage, support and resource new initiatives for the church of the future.**

Encourage, support...~~new~~ initiatives...

Encourage...new initiatives *including youth and young adults* for the church of the future

Encourage, support...for the church *into the future and the Presbyterian "brand."*

- 4 **Provide resources to individual congregations in support of their unique mission and ministries.**
 Provide resources *and support* to individual congregations...
 Provide resources...unique mission & ministries, *responding more rapidly to needs/concerns of a congregation, especially in times of transition or crisis. (COM)*
- 5 **Serve as a hub to facilitate shared resources and mission partnerships between congregations.**
- 2 **Insure that the responsibilities and standards within the Book of Order are met.**
- 2 **Support the unique mission activities of individual congregations.**
 Support the unique mission activities of *all* congregations.
- 3 **Support shared mission activities between congregations.**
 Support shared mission activities between congregations *with input from Presbytery.*
- 3 **Be the “connective tissue” between congregations and the broader church.**
 Be the “connective tissue” between *pastors*, congregations...[note from Kim: This language was suggested, but the area was not selected as one of the 5]
Nurture the “connective tissue”...

OTHER:

- Fill Vacant Pulpits
- *2 groups combined “Facilitate collegial & supportive relationships...” and “Provide pastoral support to all ministers...” as one of their selections
- Reach out to and support youth and young adults, in part by supporting the ongoing development of camp and conference facility and programs at Mound Ridge.
- Provide leadership development resources and education—as well as pastoral support, facilitating collegial and support relationships among colleagues—for ministers and members of congregations.
- Support mission activities—both unique and individual congregation’s and shared between congregations—by providing resources to individual congregations and serving as a hub to facilitate shared resources.
- Reach out and support all generations of people within our bounds—youth & young adults included—facilitate youth specific and also multi-generational activities.
- Combination of #2, 13 & 14 as one bullet point. [Note from Kim: I suspect that they may mean items #14 & 15 since they are the 2 that deal with mission activities]
- Provide financial resources to individual congregations who are doing missional work in their communities, but may need help repairing the roof for example or paying the pastor’s salary.

COMMENTS:

We suggest using theological language

Worship, praise, and prayer are the components we want in our experience as a body.

The call process is too complex and too time-consuming which results in the loss of members. LESS RED TAPE. (SIMPLIFY!!)

Connect new initiatives area of emphasis to youth and young adult area

Combine 13 & 14 into one (mission activities areas)

Work to have meetings across the Presbytery. A Presbytery that comes to churches, rather than having churches "come to" Presbytery.

"Advocate and educate for societal issues..." had as much support as the others we marked except for the wording. Social Justice advocacy and education can/should be done/encouraged in congregations.

Dialogue between Presbytery and Congregations is important

2 Items should be viewed as Standard Operating Procedure/part of the presbytery job description:

"providing pastoral support to ministers" & "insuring the that responsibilities of BOO are met."