

CONGREGATIONAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION**Update Report, January 2016**

Smaller Membership Churches Committee met in November. Members volunteered to work on various sub-committees and task forces. Meetings for 2016 planned thus far are for January 21 and April 21. Since members are now involved in other sub-committees and task forces, it was decided that Small Church should meet less frequently, at least until the other groups are well established and functioning. At the April meeting all work will be reviewed and evaluated, and subsequent meeting dates will be set.

Water to Wine Subcommittee is meeting to review and revise the existing criteria and discuss some of the recent grants given.

African American Advisory Team meets January 22 to continue planning the Forum which is scheduled for March 12.

Evangelism Sub-Committee has met and set some goals. Initially they hope to establish contact with as many of the churches in the Presbytery as possible, gathering information on perceived evangelism-related needs which can be met on the presbytery level. They plan to meet again February 9 to look at what information they have collected and determine their next steps. Since these activities are essentially what the first steps for a Task Force on Cluster Vitalization would feasibly be, that task force is on hold for now.

Members for the Task Force on Technology and Curriculum Assistance are being sought. Anyone interested in serving with this group should contact Dot Descieux as soon as possible at dotdes39@gmail.com. Any questions regarding the work of this group should also be addressed to her.

Task force on Visioning and Initiatives and the one on development and support of New Worshiping Communities are also on hold until people interested in serving on them are identified and ready.

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