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Communities

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Church Health

Chair: Church Health Associate

Purpose:

- To communicate and encourage a health mindset and strategy for advocating healthier church ministries
- To assess local church health-related needs and potential within their contexts (based on eight essential qualities)
- To deliver up-to-date resources and workshops that provide creative church health solutions
- To assist churches in adopting concepts that will ultimately produce health within their contexts

The Community will:

- Discuss the latest church health concepts—stirring the team's thinking through reading books and exploring web-related resources to-

gether.

- Discuss opportunities and solutions for church health concepts in our cultural setting.
- Discuss issues derived from district cohorts concerning church health concepts.
- Explore together church health concepts for congregations in our cultural setting.
- Focus a segment of the National Conference gathering to church health—providing a district or national level speaker as requested.

Global Ministries

Chair: Global Field Associate

Purpose:

- To serve the local church by providing resources for fulfilling the Great Commission to the ends of the earth.
- To assist in identifying those whom God is calling to this spe-

cialized form of ministry.

- To help to develop a prayer support network.
- Partner with and assist in the development of national (self-governing, self-directing, self-supporting, and self-propagating) churches.
- To cooperate with inter-denominational mission boards, so as to develop channels, through the provision of personnel and resources, toward the effective communication of the gospel, without necessarily exporting the name of the Evangelical Congregational Church, nor its form of government.

Kingdom Extension

Chair: Kingdom Extension Associate

The CIT proposal replaces our current “commission” structure with a similar, but different, “community” structure. There will be five communities; four chaired by a part-time associate and one by the bishop.

Purpose:

- To communicate and encourage a kingdom mindset and strategy for extending the kingdom
 - To assess local church potential for extending the kingdom within their contexts
 - To deliver up-to-date resources and workshops that provide creative solutions for extending the kingdom
 - To assist local churches in adopting concepts that will ultimately extend the kingdom within their contexts
 - To facilitate discussions among pastors and church leaders in district cohorts about kingdom extension within our cultural setting
- The Community will:
- Discuss the latest kingdom extension concepts—stirring the team’s thinking through reading books and exploring web-related resources together.
 - Discuss opportunities and solutions for kingdom extension in our cultural setting.
 - Discuss issues derived from district cohorts concerning kingdom extension.
 - Explore together kingdom extension for congregations in our cultural setting.
 - Focus a segment of the National Conference

gathering to kingdom extension—providing a district or national level speaker as requested.

Ministerial Development

Chair: Ministerial Development Associate

Purpose:

- To serve and support the denomination’s mission for ministerial leadership
- To oversee and maintain an integrated process for credentialing
- To deliver up-to-date resources and workshops that provide lifelong learning opportunities for our ministerial leadership
- To oversee the administration of the credentialing process when needed

The Community will:

- To resource local churches and pastors for proper sponsoring of candidates
- To direct the Pastoral Assessment Center
- To identify, recruit, train, and support Itinerants for the work of interviewing and screening candidates
- To maintain the relationship between the denomination and the seminary programs
- To coordinate the field training and coaching of candidates
- To help to provide lifelong learning opportunities for active pastors
- To provide resources for those involved with transitional ministry situations

Missional Alignment

Chair: Bishop

Purpose:

- To assist the Bishop to cast the vision for the denomination in keeping with God’s mission for his church
- To assess local church needs and potential for missional alignment within our current culture setting
- To deliver up-to-date theological approaches in order to provide missional alignment for our churches
- To assist churches in staying the course that will ultimately translate missional alignment to our current culture setting
- To facilitate discussions among pastors and church leaders in district cohorts about missional alignment within our cultural setting

The Community will:

- Discuss the latest missional alignment concepts—stirring the team’s thinking through reading books and exploring web-related resources together.
- Discuss opportunities and solutions for missional alignment in our cultural setting.
- Discuss issues derived from district cohorts concerning missional alignment.
- Explore together missional alignment for congregations in our cultural setting.