

Presbytery of Los Ranchos
Strategic Coordinating Team: Network Team Charters

Christian Formation and Discipleship Network Team Charter

Convener: Emily Fuentes

Team Members: David Beary, Maggie Goodwin, Susan Young Thornton
Co-opted – Sandra Escoto, Quynh Nguyen

Our Purpose	... to serve the Presbytery of Los Ranchos by connecting its members and worshiping communities with materials, and educational and personal resources to foster Christian formation and discipleship.
In Three Years We Hope to...	... demonstrate our usefulness to the presbytery as a facilitator of Christian formation and discipleship resources. ... become more proficient at gathering and processing information, communicating with ministry partners (including other network teams), and promoting our work within the presbytery.
Current Year Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • offer financial support and educational resources to encourage ministry to undocumented immigrants during COVID-19, • host quarterly collaborative meetings with persons engaged in Christian education and formation ministries to share ideas and resources pertaining to the liturgical calendar, • continue to provide forums for reflecting on the work of anti-racism and racial reconciliation, • promote and organize Presbytery's delegation to Presbyterian Youth Triennium (2022), and • begin work on an electronic database containing information on a variety of Christian education materials.
Current Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pastors • Christian education directors • directors of children's, youth, and family ministries • Sunday school teachers, youth volunteers • leaders and members of the presbytery's worshipping communities
Potential Future Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • additional members of each of the aforementioned groups, especially those engaged in intergenerational ministry, • New Worshipping Communities • ministries in languages other than English • partnerships with other SCT network teams

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Healthy Network Team Network Team Charter

Convener: Robert Jacques

Team Members: Leticia Gonzaga, Chad Blake, Nathan Flores, Christopher Lee, Paul White

Our Purpose	... to facilitate the health of our pastors, congregational leaders, and member congregations with resources, networks, sharing of best practices, and to identify and assist congregations headed in unhealthy directions and restore them to health.
In Three Years We Hope to...	... establish benchmarks for congregational vitality Presbytery-wide ... develop a monitoring (triage) process to identify congregations headed for crisis and action plans to assist or complete those congregations.
Current Year Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • determine our role with respect to the Vital Congregations Initiative (VCI). This could include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Acting as a "Steering Committee" to marshal resources for VCI ii. Acting as a resource to provide input to VCI iii. Independent of VCI • create a two-year schedule and begin meeting with congregational Leaders and review results. 50% complete by Year End 2021. ON HOLD pending results of Council meetings with pastors. • organize focus group(s) with a cross-section of pastors and congregational leaders to discuss congregational health. ON HOLD pending results of Council meetings with pastors. • develop benchmarks for congregational vitality and investigate ways to collect information. Draft benchmarks by 3rd Quarter 2021. ON HOLD pending decisions on Vital Congregations and path forward for that initiative. • review spending over past 3-5 years and identify any needed priorities. Identify changes by 4th Quarter 2021.
Current Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vital Congregations Initiative • pastors • congregational leaders
Potential Future Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pastors • congregations not already engaged • new congregations that charter in the future

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New Worshiping Communities Network Team Charter

Convener: Jon Moore

Team Members: Johnson Kinyua, Lori Ruff Schmalenberger, co-opted: Adel Malek, Debbie Fernandez, Alfredo Delgado, Christian Ponciano and Jorge Gutierrez

Our Purpose	... to identify, engage, resource and provide oversight and encouragement toward sustainability and membership status for new worshipping communities
In Three Years We Hope to...	<p>... work toward mutuality in the relationships between NWC and the presbytery and its congregations.</p> <p>... heighten awareness of the challenges facing immigrant NWC and advocate for justice and equity for NWC.</p> <p>... create an additional category of membership that allows NWC to belong without chartering.</p> <p>... provide resources to foster understanding of the experience of marginalization, cultural alienation, and disrespect with which Black, indigenous, and people of color communities often contend.</p> <p>... charter Church of Amazing Grace International and Esperanza Viva.</p> <p>... recognize 3 additional New Worshiping Communities.</p>
Current Year Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage Church of Amazing Grace International as it strives to become a chartered congregation by Year End 2022 • develop a critical analysis of the chartering process and the limitations it places upon the uniqueness of communities • recommend recognition of 2 additional NWCs by Year End 2021 • conduct Missional and Pioneer Leader Training
Current Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognized New Worshiping Communities of PLR • promising potential NWC leaders • Committee on Ministry
Potential Future Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • congregations that identify a promising potential NWC leader within their midst • individuals who are promising potential NWC leaders • congregations that have an impact on ministries of NWC • Committee on Ministry to explore new categories of membership in Presbytery of Los Ranchos

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World Wide Mission and Community Engagement Network Team Charter

Convener: Deborah Mayhew

Team Members: Co-opted: Jana Kidd, Renette Laase

Our Purpose	... to partner with nonprofit community service agencies within the presbytery, support cooperative international projects, promote the importance of mission, and be faithful stewards of funds granted by the presbytery for mission and outreach.
In Three Years We Hope to...	... facilitate the development of mission partnerships between churches ... update and refresh the missions page on the presbytery's website, focusing on congregational activities, and linking to PC(USA) mission resources. ... organize gatherings for people involved with missions to network and potentially form mission partnerships.
Current Year Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop a list of mission contacts at each church and new worshipping community by the end of 2021 • clarify the grant application process for churches and mission partners by Year End 2021 • evaluate grant requests submitted to PLR and make grant recommendations by Year End 2021
Current Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local • Christian Outreach in Action, Long Beach • Habitat for Humanity, Orange and Los Angeles Counties • Hoag Association of Presbyterian Ministers, Newport Beach • Home for Refugees, Mission Viejo • LAC+USC Chaplaincy, Los Angeles • Northeast of the Well, Costa Mesa and Long Beach • Pathways of Hope, Fullerton • Shower Plus Ministry, Garden Grove • Global • International Peacemaker, PC(USA) • Kenya Mission Network, Johnson Kinyua, Jana Kidd • Syria-Lebanon Network, PC(USA), Tim McCalmont • Tumaini Orphanage, Kenya
Potential Future Relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • congregations and new worshipping communities to determine viability of mission partnerships • entities identified as potentials for partnership, i.e., Family Promise

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