

## **Healthier Congregations Team: Working Groups Proposal**

**Team definition:** A **Team** is a group of people linked in a common purpose of equipping, empowering and supporting congregations and neighborhoods.

**Working Group definition:** **Working Groups** are especially appropriate for conducting their own identified responsibilities, objectives and goals.

**Coordinating Council:** provides oversight and support to Working Groups; equips Working Groups for their ministries; provides communication between Working Groups and the Big Picture Team.

### **1) Grants Working Group**

- Creating a holistic approach and determining new procedures to distribute monies for:
  - a) Grants that teach and empower congregations, with opportunity to learn from the work of the grant
  - b) Grants for funding mission, peace & justice partnerships – this includes designated fund #3104 Presbytery Peace Offering
  - c) Grants for scholarships, including:
    - educators from designated fund #3101CE until dispersed; current balance \$2305.19

### **2) Relationships Working Group**

- Liaisons:
  - a) assisting churches/neighborhoods in self and community exploration
  - b) helping churches access resources of the Presbytery
  - c) intentional prayer for PGV congregations and neighborhoods
  - d) providing support to congs/neighborhoods that receive grant \$\$
- Connectional/Collaborative Support: ex. Youth Leaders, Christian Educators, Clerks of Session, etc.
- Encouraging the building of trust among congregations and with the Presbytery via connecting, presence and engagement

### **3) Communications/Connections Working Group**

- Marketing: publicizing congregational and community events via website, email, E-news, Taken Docket etc.
- Social Media Presence: Facebook, Twitter, etc
- IT education and support for churches
- Letters of Reference: for requesting organizations (ex. Birthday Offering)

### **4) Tools & Training Events Working Group**

- Tools to assess and promote health, including Measuring Mission
- Church Leadership Development Day
- Stewardship Workshop
- Mission Day
- Triennium
- Mission Teams support
- Presbytery/Neighborhood/Congregational event sponsorship, as invited

### **5) Resource Center Working Group**

- Including a variety of mission interpretation resources in order to build greater awareness of the connectional church