

# Presbytery of Wabash Valley



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## PRIORITIES

### SMARTER GOALS

Approved by Council  
May 25, 2010

Specific

Measurable

Action Oriented

Realistic

Time Constrained

Evaluated

Rationale

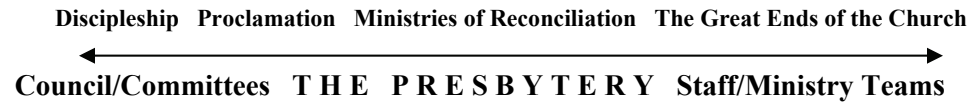
# OUR PRIORITIES with SMARTER GOALS

For the Presbytery of Wabash Valley

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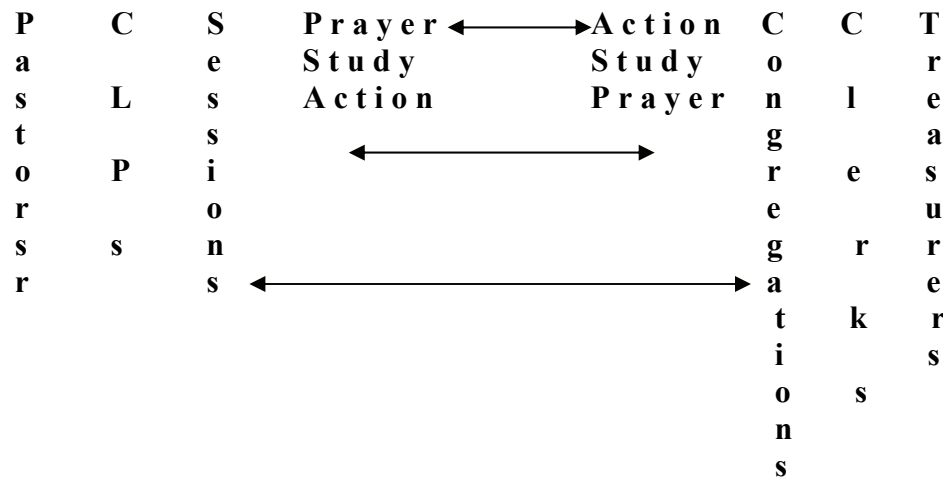
## GOD CALLS

Us To



“What is God calling us, as God’s people, to be and do in today’s world?”

### COMMUNITY / SACRAMENTS



The following are the three priorities each SMARTER GOAL is designed to help achieve:

- **PRACTICE DISCERNMENT AND THE DISCIPLINE OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL**  
Testifying to our Faith in God Who Invites Us to Respond to Grace.
- **CREATE AND ENHANCE CONGREGATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS AND COMMUNICATION**
- **PROVIDE, ENCOURAGE AND FINANCIALLY SUPPORT MINISTRY TO CHILDREN, YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS - *Affirming and Celebrating God’s Mission Among Us***

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<b>PROVIDE, ENCOURAGE &amp; FINANCIALLY SUPPORT MINISTRY TO CHILDREN, YOUTH &amp; YOUNG ADULTS - <i>Affirming and Celebrating God’s Mission Among Us</i></b>						
1) Develop a specific plan for the next five years to increase Geneva Center usage and financial viability	Geneva Center Ministry Team and additional groups needed to support this effort	Dec 2010				
2) Increase by 6 the number of PWV churches who provide financial support for Geneva Center	Geneva Center Ministry Team	Dec 2010				
3) Determine the viability of Purdue University campus ministry through University Church in West Lafayette	University Church Task Force	Dec 2010				
4) Appoint a task force to explore the possibilities for cooperative Christian Education partnerships in the presbytery. This task force composed of Christian educators and Christian education volunteers of churches of different sizes from across the presbytery, will be charged with identifying educational "best practices" for churches of different sizes and with setting up three regional training events to assist local congregations in their education programs.	Moderator of Council	Task Force appointed by Dec 2010 & its work completed by Fall, 2011				

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<b>CREATE AND ENHANCE CONGREGATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS AND COMMUNICATION</b>						
<b>8)</b> (on-Going) After election of presbytery officers, committees and ministry teams at the late Spring Assembly, leaders of these groups schedule three dates/times in the fall for "leadership development" events focused on the work of the presbytery, its congregations and the larger church.	GP and Council	Sept. 2010				
<b>9)</b> Detailed review and possible revision of the "Exceptional Care" policy of the Presbytery of Wabash Valley.	Task force appointed by Moderator of Council	Dec 2010				

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<b>PRACTICE DISCERNMENT AND THE DISCIPLINE OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL</b> <i>Testifying to our faith in God who invites us to respond to grace.</i>						
<b>1)</b> The Missional Transformation process will continue as outlined in the program and including the series of six workshops between Feb. 12, 2010 and April 14, 2012. This process of transformation will continue through 2012 as designed in the program.	MTCT	Dec. 2012				
<b>2)</b> Make scriptural discernment a part of every Presbytery Assembly and committee/task force meeting of the Presbytery through 2012 using the guide provided by the Missional Transformation Coordinating Team.	MTCT - Moderators of Committees, Task Forces, Teams	Dec 2012				
<b>3)</b> Identify churches who are growing through adult profession of faith and to invite them to provide an educational workshop on "How to Share Our Faith" in two geographical areas of the presbytery.	Task Force appointed by Council Moderator and to include representatives of CDCT	March, 2011				
<b>4)</b> Establish a <u>Stewardship Task Force</u> for the purpose of educating congregations on strategies and best practices related to stewardship of resources.	Council appointing and AMT providing guidance and support	Sept, 2010				

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<b>1)</b> The Missional Transformation process will support this priority.	MTCT	Jan 2013				
<b>2)</b> Through presbytery initiative, a Task Force will be appointed to encourage 3-4 congregations to develop a pilot project to be used as a model for joint mission opportunities by other Presbytery of Wabash Valley congregations. This goal could be expanded to investigate working with other presbyteries on joint mission projects.	Moderator of Presbytery	Jan 2011				
<b>3)</b> Implement use of technology to facilitate communication, virtual committee and task force meetings as models for congregational partnerships and communication.	PWV Communications Task Force	Dec 2010				
<b>4)</b> (On-Going) With the purpose of building and encouraging healthy relationships among colleagues that fosters a common mission the presbytery office will work with the GP to arrange monthly (except Dec and month of Easter) luncheon gatherings of 7-10 pastors with the GP in various locations throughout the presbytery. The June 2011 meeting would allow for evaluation, focus and future locations.	GP, Presbytery Officers, Pastors	Dec 2011				

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<b>5)</b> Develop a specific plan for an annual presbytery-wide leadership development event <b>A.</b> providing quality training for clerks, treasurers and other church leaders <b>B.</b> providing training for new presbytery officers, ministry team and committee moderators	Presbytery Officers and General Presbyter, 3-5 other leaders	January 2011				
<b>6)</b> (On-Going) Under the leadership of COM with the support of Council to ensure that all sessions of congregations in PWV have at least one visit from the presbytery leaders within the calendar year. Provide a brief written report back to COM within a week of the visit.	COM Congregational Life teams, Council, all sessions	Dec 2012				
<b>7)</b> (On-Going) Continue the model of leadership development for church officers (NWQ) on a three year cycle of quality training designed for officers, clerks, treasurers and other church staff members. Consider mini-events to coincide with church program year (i.e. stewardship, nominating process, educational resources, new officers).	Presbytery Moderator, Vice-Moderator, GP, 3-5 other leaders	Dec 2011				