

**Description/Responsibilities of the Standing Mission Coordination Committee  
Presbytery of Lake Huron  
May 10, 2021**

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Presbytery of Lake Huron's Mission involvement is best summed up in the sixth Great End of the Church: "The Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world." (BOO, F-1.0304) Participation in the mission of God's church is an opportunity given to us by God to witness by our action, not just by our words, to the reconciling love of God to all people. With gratitude, and in response for all that God in Jesus Christ has done for us:

- we will strive to go into the world and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- we will strive to reinforce the Presbytery's commitment to be a Matthew 25 Presbytery.
- we will strive to increase awareness and involvement by encouraging congregational support, vitality, and engagement.
- we will strive to acknowledge and participate in the ministry taking place outside the walls of the church and promote mission opportunities locally and globally as we serve alongside community organizations, interfaith groups as well as intentionally seek out ecumenical partnerships to address issues related to systemic poverty.
- we will strive to create a presbytery which supports a culture of inclusiveness, addressing "isms" of all sorts; one that will confront established values of power, inequality and ethnic, religious, and economic separatism which dominate our society.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Initially six people in three classes of two, one of whom shall be elected as moderator by the committee. In addition, the Moderator of Presbyterian Women (or their designee) shall serve with voice and vote. Special attention shall be given to ensuring the racial-ethnic and regional diversity of this committee.

## **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The responsibilities of the Mission Coordination Committee are as follows:

1. To live into our commitment as a Matthew 25 presbytery by viewing the Presbytery mission through the lens of our Matthew 25 mission:
  - to Increase Congregational Vitality
  - to Eradicate Systemic Poverty
  - to Dismantle Structural Racism
2. Develop networks/partnerships between the congregations of the Presbytery of Lake Huron who share a common vision for mission and outreach. The Mission Team will periodically review and update the mission efforts across the presbytery and compile a resource for congregations to identify, connect and combine their outreach efforts. They will contact each congregation by means of survey or a similar tool in order to receive the most current ways in which congregations are participating both inside and outside the walls of the church. |
3. Develop Stronger Relationships with Presbytery Congregations
  - Members of the Mission Team will visit and participate in mission activities in and around the presbytery. They will provide ongoing information and ways for others to get involved in hands-on service opportunities.

- They will provide regular updates at presbytery meetings and through timely articles in the Bi-Weekly Brief.
4. Develop Local and Global Mission Partnerships
    - In an effort to form stronger partnerships within the Presbytery, as well as within our communities, we will also seek to support local non-profit agencies and faith-based organizations in order to educate our congregations about the needs in our area.
    - We will explore and recommend to the Presbytery such partnerships beyond the Presbytery, both within and outside the PC(U.S.A.) that may advance and express our commitment to God's mission.
    - We will seek to create ways to impact the lives of those with needs as well as collaborate and assist programs and organizations in need of both financial and human resources.
  5. Develop a Culture of Inclusiveness

We will provide on-going educational opportunities to break down walls which divide us as a people in order to better understand "the other" and serve with respect in order to be a light to the nations. The Mission Coordination Committee shall also function as the Committee on Representation for the Presbytery.
  6. Promote Presbyterian Mission

We will interpret the mission work of the PC(U.S.A.) to and with the presbytery, arrange for missionary and peacemaker visits, and promote denominational offerings and mission support.
  7. Coordinate with Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery on an as needed basis.
  8. Oversee the work of the Presbytery Disaster Preparedness Team, coordinating with the Presbytery Council, Presbytery Disaster Assistance, and other outside organizations as needed.
  9. Review and administer mission grants, scholarships, and other resources as may be delegated to it by the Presbytery or Council.