

REPORT TO THE PRESBYTERY OF LOS RANCHOS

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Strategic Coordinating Team

The Strategic Coordinating Team (SCT) has met three times since the last regular meeting of the Presbytery with quorums present at all meetings. In accordance with action taken, the SCT reports the following:

Approved the SCT minutes of January 13, 2011.

Approved the special task group's meeting notes of March 3, 2011, The purpose of the task group was to create a process to guide SCT's funding decisions.

Approved the SCT minutes of March 10, 2011.

Approved the SCT minutes of April 14, 2011.

Approved the following characteristics to help guide the SCT when making funding decisions:

1. Fits the goals, values, and delivery system of the Odyssey design.
2. Degree to which conversion growth is evident.
3. Proven effectiveness in the area of ministry.
4. Proven efficiency of the administration to deliver outcomes.
5. Ability of leaders to tell the organization's story.
6. Excellence in fiscal reporting.
7. Degree to which the applicant's congregation supports the broader mission of the presbytery.
8. Progress toward self-sufficiency, when applicable.
9. Collaboration with, or investment by, other partners.
10. Ability to adapt to a changing ministry context.
11. Ability of organization to increase their leadership capacity within the organization.
12. Continued funding of grants may be conditional on accomplishing stated objectives.

Approved to recommend to Council the Tri-Party Covenant Agreement for the Village Presbyterian Church Partnership with the following amendment. Replace article 2.3(b) to read:

"The LRP will provide active communication to the churches of Los Rancho regarding the progress of VPC as well as opportunities to support its service and mission. The LRP will also communicate opportunities for VPC to support the mission of the wider denomination, where appropriate."

Approved New Hope Presbyterian Church's (NCD) request to transfer the day-to-day management of financial records and funding from the Presbytery of Los Ranchos to the New Hope financial team according to the conditions identified by PLR's legal council for continued oversight by PLR.

Approved to recommend to Council a 5% salary and housing increase for the Rev. Chineta Goodjoin for the year 2011.

Approved to recommend to Council the consulting contract with the Rev. Alfredo Delgado be renewed for two months, from May 1 – June 30, 2011, as he equips Nueva Vida's leaders for a new and self-sufficient model of Hispanic ministry in PLR. The funding for this contract is from the Church Development fund (see "Use of Funds from the Sale of Church Properties" document, adopted by Presbytery November 16, 2006; modified by Presbytery, March 21, 2009 and September 2010).

Approved to recommend to Council the following process for hiring contract staff:

1. The contract description is approved by Council.
2. The contract description is advertized for a period of one month (e.g., in the Presbytery Pastor's e-sharing, PLR website, and printed material at other presbytery events, etc.)
3. The Council approves a search team composed of the following members: the presbytery pastor and/or associate presbytery pastor, at least one member of the leadership team most closely

related to the contract staff person's work (i.e., Generative Team, SCT, or Fiduciary Team), and at least one at-large person who may or may not be a current commissioner to presbytery.

Approved to recommend to Council a contract description for a part-time Consultant for Hispanic Ministries. The purpose of this position is to create a strategy for all continuing and new Hispanic congregations to be financially self-sufficient by December 31, 2012. This position is funded from Church Development funds (Sale of Church Properties), Congregational Development funds (General Mission Budget), and Synod Stimulus funds.

Approved to recommend to Council a contract description for a part-time Consultant for Missional Partnerships. The purpose of this position is to create a strategy and advise the council how to move the administrative and coordinating functions associated with stimulating and brokering missional partnerships into local churches, partnerships, or networks. Funding for this contract position was approved by Presbytery on November 18, 2010.

Approved to commission the Rev. Dr. John McKeague to serve as the SCT's liaison to churches currently using intensive consultation processes or exploring the possibility of using one. John and/or his designees are assigned to assess whether such processes are being used to their full advantage and to ensure that all levels of congregational leadership and membership are tracking with the process (e.g., pastoral leadership, Session, ministry team leaders, and church members). John and/or his designees will also assess the merits for granting financial assistance to churches using intensive consultation processes. John will provide reports, as requested, to the SCT, Council, and COM.

Approved to recommend to Council the use of Church Development funds (from the sale of church properties) in the amount of \$4,500 for the purpose of subsidizing the next phase of Yorba Linda Presbyterian Church's implementation of the TAG consultation process. This approval was Contingent on John McKeague's positive assessment of Yorba Linda Presbyterian Church's traction with the TAG process at all levels of congregational leadership and membership and subject to Yorba Linda providing COM results of initial survey.

Approved granting permission for SCT expenditures between meetings on behalf of the SCT of no more than \$500 when approved by the Associate Presbytery Pastor and another member of the SCT.

Approved an expenditure in the amount of \$809.56 for the purpose of purchasing VBS curriculum for review and use of PLR churches. Funds will drawn from the former dedicated account for Christian Education or the SCT 2011 budget.

Approved on 5/12/11 to recommend to Council the release of funds to the SCPC-VPC Partnership: Whereas the San Clemente Presbyterian Church and the Village Presbyterian Church (NCD) have established a tri-party covenant with the Presbytery of Los Ranchos and whereas both congregations are engaged in assessing and planning for the future of VPC, and whereas VPC is thoroughly invested in the TAG intensive consultation process, the SCT recommends that Council approve the disbursement of Joining Hearts and Hands funds in 12-month increments, beginning on July 1, 2011. Reports for how funds are used by the SCPC-VPC Partnership shall be provided on a quarterly basis to Council.