

STRATEGIC MISSION DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

REPORT: To Executive Nov. 1, 2011

Committee met on Oct. 17th . Next Meeting Nov. 15th

OUR MANDATE

VISION

To constantly strive to visualize what the United Church of Canada could be within the boundaries of Halton Presbytery and to provide the Executive of Presbytery with guidance, suggestions and recommendations that contribute to strengthening congregations in their role of growing disciples.

MISSION:

Through the Mission Development Officer, its members and otherwise; to assist Presbytery, its committees and congregations to operate in a coordinated, consistent and strategic manner with a focus on established goals and priorities, including sharing of information/best practices, avoidance of duplication of effort and enhanced mission development in both existing and new situations.

UPDATES:

- Considerable time and discussion devoted to possible strategies to help other committees achieve their mandates. Some interaction around pastoral oversight.
- Members have read an Alban Institute paper on "What Is A Congregation Worth?"
- Discussion around the concept of a Congregation Profile for each unit. Much of the statistical data and census information is already available in one form or another. A low level of enthusiasm was exhibited.
- On October 25th I participated in my first webinar by listening to Diana Butler Bass on the subject of "The Great Religious Recession or a Great Spiritual Awakening?" Interesting and stimulating two hours. Part of the reason for so doing was to acquaint myself a bit as to how technology might have application in the work of Presbytery and Conference interaction with people in pastoral charges.

CHALLENGES:

- Promoting the **mission** and **purpose** of Presbytery among other committees. Sharpen the committee's focus on achievable strategies.
- Developing strategies that complement work of EDGE, a ministry for ministry development.
- Strategic implementation of recommendations from the communications report.
- Shepherding evolution of a website and a Communications and Technology Committee.
- Encouraging leadership and renewal.
- Strategic/visionary thinking about UCC in Halton Presbytery, it being understood this issue is the responsibility of HPE.

Submitted by John Fargey

"Volunteers do not get paid – not because they are worthless but because they are priceless."

"Knowledge work is defined not by quantity, not by its costs, but by its results" – Peter Drucker circa 1966