

Church Development Committee (CDC) Report (April 2024)

Church Health:

We are following up with churches regarding the Missional Posture Assessment that attendees of presbytery completed in January. We found that it is beneficial for entire sessions to complete the assessment to get a broader and more complete view of the status of the church. We have contacted many pastors to see if they would like to proceed with this next step.

We are planning Refocus Workshop meetings. The purpose of this gathering is to assist churches in aligning perception with reality through self-discovery assessments, hands-on learning, and group interaction. The desired outcome is for the church to understand its current health status and evaluate next steps to improve overall church health.

Our first workshop is scheduled to be at Siler Presbyterian the evening of September 26th. If you and your session are interested in joining us for this event, please contact Anita Hill.

We conducted training for our Church Health Coaches in Hendersonville on 3/16. Work continues to train health coaches and engage additional churches. We will continue our training on 4/25 and 4/26. Robert Wallace and David Taylor agreed to serve as coaches.

Members:

The committee asked Mark Dickinson to serve on the CDC and he agreed pending presbytery approval.

Small Church Network (SCN):

Bill Wade will now lead the Small Church Network. Corrina Gambrel has taken a call in at Cyrus Springs which is in the Coastal Presbytery.

A networking dinner for small churches will be held during the April presbytery meeting at the Friday night dinner. Join us at Threshold once you pick up your dinner. Elizabeth Gibson will join us for a discussion regarding how to engage small churches in Church Planting.

Women's Retreat:

On April 6th, the women of our presbytery had a Regional Women's Gathering at Lake Forest/Huntersville with a focus on "Helping Women Deal with Difficult Situations in our World". A little over 40 women attended from many of our churches. The event was a success.