



The Mission Coordinating Team is proposing that we work with the Center for Parish Development on a Transformation process for a few select congregations in the Presbytery. More information will be coming your way soon, but to help understand what we mean by "Missional Church" in the Transformation process, we are running a series of FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) for the next few weeks.
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What do you mean MISSIONAL CHURCH?

Frequently asked questions ~ week 4/10



Does being a missional church mean starting a lot of new activities? People in our congregation are already so busy.

A missional church does not necessarily do more outreach activities. In fact, a missional church may do fewer things better. To be a missional church means to discern how this particular congregation's calling is aligned with God's mission in the world. To be a missional church means to orient all of the life of the church around God's mission.



GOD HAS A MISSION...
...AND GOD'S MISSION NEEDS A CHURCH!

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Haiti Relief and Recovery - By June, response by Presbyterians to the recovery efforts in Haiti passed \$10 million. \$4 million has already been committed to relief and recovery. We continue to assess needs and venues for long term recovery - including the possibility to begin hosting teams of mission volunteers by the end of the year. We are working carefully with partners to determine host sites where there is real need, a capacity for visitors and a context that will provide safe and meaningful experiences for participants. We are grateful for the commitment and generosity of so many Presbyterians! To learn more, visit <http://www.pcusa.org/pda/response/latinamerica/haiti-index.htm>

TO DATE THE PRESBYTERY OF PROSPECT HILL HAS COLLECTED \$11,844.29



PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

In looking through the Terms of Call in the Report of Annual Review of Minister Compensation, it appears many ministers and churches still do not understand the need for an Accountable Plan for Ministry Expenses for both personal and tax benefits, as well as legally regarding the paying of Income taxes. The church session should approve an Accountable Plan, a sample of which has been provided by the Committee on Ministry and is available on the website. Having such a plan in place enables a minister to be reimbursed (tax free) for expenses incurred while engaging in ministry. By reimbursing in this way, income tax, FICA, and Pension dues can be avoided on what often amounts to a few thousand dollars.

The bottom line is, nothing should be reported on line 5, Unvouchered Allowances, of the Report turned into the Presbytery. Instead, an “up to dollar amount” should be reported on line 14, Accountable Plan Expenses. Yes, this means keeping receipts and submitting them to either the session or personnel committee for approval within 60 days of the purchase. However, all expenses should be tracked anyway, so it is a matter of submitting them to the church instead of hanging on to them in case of an IRS audit. All expenses should be approved by someone other than the person who writes the checks.

To put some teeth into the need to do things this way, I am going to recommend at the September Presbytery meeting that Minister Compensation Forms NOT submitted this way not be approved by the Presbytery.

A recent article, “How the Church Can Reimburse Ministerial Expenses Legally” at www.lifeway.com, a Southern Baptist website, shows that even the Southern Baptists have now figured it out. If they can, surely Presbyterians can as well! If necessary, in a future e-news I will explain the financial benefits for both pastors and churches in using an Accountable Plan for Ministry Expenses.



Grace Notes

Synod School 2010
<http://www.lakesandprairies.org/school.html>
JULY 1ST REGISTRATION DEADLINE
 July 25-30 at Buena Vista University in Storm Lake, Iowa



MODERATOR/MCT TEAM	JUNE 17	PRESBYTERY OFFICE	11:00AM
GENERAL ASSEMBLY	JULY 3-10	MINNEAPOLIS, MN	
INDEPENDENCE DAY	JULY 5	PRESBYTERY OFFICE	CLOSED
DEADLINE FOR MC APPLICATIONS	JULY 6	SUBMITTED TO SYNOD	
COM	JULY 13	PRESBYTERY OFFICE	10:00AM
TRIENNIUM	JULY 20-24	PURDUE, INDIANA	
SYNOD SCHOOL	JULY 25-30	BUENA VISTA UNIVERSITY	
MISSION COOR TEAM	AUG 5	PRESBYTERY OFFICE	11:00AM
CPM	AUG 9	PRESBYTERY OFFICE	9:30AM
PW	AUG 9	LAKESIDE PC	9:30AM
COM	AUG 10	PRESBYTERY OFFICE	10:00AM
MT	AUG 10	PRESBYTERY OFFICE	1:00PM

