

Responsibilities of New Church Development Liaisons

Church Development and Evangelism Committee

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A liaison for new church development in Mission Presbytery connects sponsoring congregation(s) with a Probe, Fellowship, or New Church Development and the Church Development and Evangelism Committee of Mission Presbytery. Liaisons provide a vital link between those in the field and the larger church. This connection is essential.

In most cases liaisons will be elders serving on the session of congregations who sponsor a probe, fellowship, or new church development. Liaisons may also be members or trained representatives of the Church Development and Evangelism Committee.

The responsibilities of liaisons include the following:

1. Show interest in the people and activities of the probe, fellowship, or new church development.
2. Become familiar with the attached “Developing New Churches in Mission Presbytery” guidelines and share them with the session, probe, fellowship, or new church development.
3. Assure that two-way or three-way communication is occurring between the probe, fellowship, and new church development, the sponsor session/congregation, and the Church Development and Evangelism Committee.
4. Provide reports to the local Session and Church Development and Evangelism Committee of Mission Presbytery at least three times a year. These reports might include such things as: involvement with the effort since the last report, affirmations, perceived needs and evaluation of the effort, and plans for the next three to four months.
5. Regularly participate in the meetings of the leadership team of the probe, fellowship, or new church development.
6. As possible, participate in the worship and other activities of the fellowship or new church development and stay informed by reading newsletters, etc.
7. Provide support and encouragement to the pastor and other leaders associated with the probe, fellowship, or new church development.
8. Provide information about potential resources available from congregations, Mission Presbytery, the Synod, or General Assembly.

Attachment 6, Appendix L
Manual of Operations

9. Encourage the organizing pastor (and / or leaders) to be involved in training and education, a support group, Presbytery meetings, and other connectional activities.
10. Encourage members of other congregations to participate and support the probe, fellowship or new church development.