

Responsibilities of CDE Liaisons for Congregational Transformation

Church Development and Evangelism Committee

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A liaison for congregational transformation in Mission Presbytery connects a congregation participating in a CDE sponsored/subsidized program for transformation with the larger church. Liaisons provide a vital link between the congregation and the Church Development and Evangelism Committee. In most cases liaisons will be teaching or ruling elders serving on the CDE Committee or elders living near the congregation participating in a transformation program, who have been trained to provide guidance and encouragement.

The responsibilities of liaisons include the following:

1. Show interest in the people and activities of the participating congregation.
2. Become familiar with the program in which the congregation is participating, as well as other resources that might be helpful.
3. Assure that communication is occurring between the session/congregation, the program leaders, the Church Development and Evangelism Committee, and, when appropriate, with the Committee on Ministry.
4. Provide reports to the local Session and Church Development and Evangelism Committee of Mission Presbytery at least three times a year as appropriate. These reports might include such things as: involvement with the effort since the last report, affirmations, perceived needs of the effort, and plans for the next three to four months.
5. Regularly participate in the meetings of the leadership team for the transformation program.
6. As possible, participate in the worship and other activities of the participating congregation and stay informed by reading newsletters, visiting the church website, etc.
7. Provide support and encouragement to the pastor and other leaders associated with the transformation project.
8. Provide information about potential resources available from other congregations, Mission Presbytery, the Synod, or General Assembly.
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 other congregations to support the transformation effort as appropriate.

11. Submit a final evaluation to CDE which includes the successes and challenges experienced by the congregation, as well as recommendations to improve the program/grants process in the future.