

CHAPTER ELEVEN
EVANGELISM & MISSIONS COMMITTEE

I. Membership

- A. The Evangelism & Missions (E&M) Committee consists of twelve (12) members divided into three classes of three each. The Committee is to be balanced as closely as possible to one-half teaching elders and one-half ruling elders, deacons or church members.
- B. The Executive Presbyter and director of each mission project sponsored by the Committee serve *ex-officio* on the Committee, without vote. Mission project directors' participation is for the specific purpose of interacting with the Committee with respect to his or her respective project's activities and progress, financial performance, and coordinating Presbytery support for that project.
- C. At least two (2) members of the Committee, in two (2) different classes, shall have financial expertise,
- D. A quorum is a simple majority of the elected members present in person.

I. Purpose and Accountability

A. Purpose

The purpose of the E&M Committee is to:

- 1. Serve as a catalyst for Presbytery-wide efforts of New Church Development and New Worshipping Community functions (NCD and NWC, respectively) to proclaim the gospel to the community pursuant to *Book of Order (BoO)* G-3.0301b.
- 2. Provide guidance to individuals in training to become ruling elders and deacons and members of the NCD congregation regarding its expectations for a member church pursuant to *BoO* G-3.0303.
- 3. Provide guidance to uniting persons and teaching elders that desire to be organized as a congregation of the PC(USA) and recommend to the Presbytery when such a congregation is prepared be admitted into its membership pursuant to *BoO* G-1.02;
- 4. Provide leadership in helping local congregations become more missional in their communities, and connect to mission opportunities around the world pursuant to *BoO* G-3.0301.
- 5. Support the Budget, Property & Finance (BP&F) Committee in managing the financial affairs of the Presbytery mission projects.

- B. The E&M Committee is directly accountable to, and reports directly to, the Presbytery. It has a **fiduciary duty** to act in the best interest of the Presbytery in all matters related to the finances of mission projects.
- C. The E&M Committee holds stated meetings and may, with due notice, hold special meetings as called by the Chair or by two (2) members of the Committee through its Chair.

II. Duties

- A. In fulfilling its role in evangelism and missions, the Committee:
 - 1. Encourages, supports and provides opportunities for mission interpretation for local missions and Presbytery-wide mission projects.
 - 2. Upon request from individual churches or clusters of churches, provides speakers to assist in interpretation and education of the Committee's work, the work of its sponsored mission projects, and potential new mission projects.
 - 3. Provides education, awareness and assistance to congregations seeking guidance in determining their mission giving to Presbyterian mission efforts (local, national and global), ecumenical ministries and inter-faith services.
 - 4. For each NCD and NWC mission project:
 - a. Provide a mentor for the church developer for each NCD. Assist the administrative commission for each NCD as requested by that commission.
 - b. Help the steering committee determine the staff that is needed for the mission project to operate.
 - c. Provide liaison between each NCD church developer and the Presbytery for actions not under the purview of the administrative commission for that NCD.
 - d. Work with the administrative commission and church developer to train potential ruling elders and deacons to serve the NCD in its transition into a self-sustaining congregation.
 - 5. Recommends to the BP&F Committee allocations for NCDs in the Presbytery Mission budget.
 - 6. Identifies endorsed mission projects within the geographical bounds of the Presbytery for support by the churches of the Presbytery.
 - 7. When requested, inquires as to whether a ministry is a candidate for validation under *BoO* G-2.0503a and this *Manual*.

8. Distribute Peace and Global Witness Offerings.
 9. Reviews and recommends grant applications to be submitted by the Presbytery on behalf of mission projects. Reviews and approves periodic progress reports for any monies received under grants to the Presbytery for mission projects.
 10. Manage the finances of Presbytery mission projects.
 - a. Review each NCD and NWC budget at the September E&M Committee meeting.
 - b. Coordinate with the BP&F Committee to provide mission financial reports including budgets and performance to budget.
 - c. Prepare and present the mission project budgets for the following year at the November Presbytery meeting.
 - d. Manage the reporting framework for any financial reports required by entities that make grants for mission projects.
 11. Train members of the Committee in requirements and processes of this *Manual*, as they apply to the work of the Committee.
 12. Evaluate requests and determine distribution of funds identified by Chapter 15, paragraph III.B of this *Manual*. Administer those funds as necessary.
 13. Oversees the work of each mission project steering committee to ensure personnel requirements of this *Manual* are met for all paid and voluntary staff positions. Coordinate with the Human Resources Committee as necessary for staffing of mission projects.
 14. Maintain a record of all steering committees, including the mission project that each controls, the minutes of their meetings, and the rosters of their membership.
- B. In fulfilling its role in evangelism, the Committee leads a deliberate effort to reach out to our non-Christian neighbors nearby and around the world to introduce them to a personal saving faith in Jesus Christ and active discipleship in the fellowship of the church through a focus on:
1. Mission projects described in Chapter 12 of this *Manual*. In doing this, the Committee:
 - a. Works directly with mission project steering committees to provide ongoing support, nurture, stability and growth of authorized mission projects within the Presbytery.

- b. Studies demographic research, identifying future NCD possibilities while taking into consideration on racial and ethnic NCDs.
 - c. Works in consultation with the BP&F Committee to consider future property issues.
 - d. Recommends to the BP&F Committee allocations for the Presbytery Mission budget to provide financial support to mission projects and how much each project will need to raise for itself.
 2. Encourages church revitalization by assisting churches in enhancing their evangelistic outreach ministry into immediate neighborhoods.
 3. Applies for grants through:
 - a. Identification and research of various funding sources through the Synod and General Assembly for NCD, NWC and church redevelopment.
 - b. Identification and research of other outside funding sources for evangelism and redevelopment ministries. Such funding is not restricted to entities of the PC(USA).
 - c. Identification of sources of Presbytery funding or allowable in-kind contributions that are contingent for any specific grant application.
- C. In fulfilling its responsibilities to the Presbytery, the Committee reports on evangelism and mission activities that are under cognizance of the Committee.