

## **Report of the Church Revitalization and Development Ministry**

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The Church Revitalization and Development Ministry exists to work with current churches engaging in revitalization and transformation efforts and to promote and encourage the development of new worshipping communities. We are currently developing strategies to work with existing congregations by helping them identify their hopes, dreams, gifts and talents, and to understand the needs of the communities they serve. The goal is to help revitalize churches by taking what we learn from the church family, and through providing guidance and resources, help them utilize their gifts and talents to meet the needs of their community. This might be through new outreach ministries, building partnerships with other churches or community organizations, or transformation in a new worshipping community.

We plan to create an internal “consulting” group who will be trained in listening and drawing from conversations with congregations and their community, the important and necessary information to help guide churches toward revitalization. We will also compile a “toolbox” of resources which can be used by the congregations to help them achieve their dreams and goals.

We are also working with the presbytery to understand how we can support the current efforts to create new worshipping communities.

Respectfully submitted,

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