

Vision and Mission of Kent Presbytery

Who We Are

Kent Presbytery, as a Court of the United Church of Canada representing congregations and ministries within its bounds, seeks to witness faithfully to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Our Vision (*our dream of God working through us*)

Strengthening and Transforming our
Congregations and Ministries to be
Pastoral, Missional, and Prophetic
In the Way of Jesus Christ

Our Mission (*our purpose and focus as we work toward our vision*)

- **To Provide** leadership and visioning for the congregations and ministries of Kent Presbytery
- **To Enable** congregations to be effective in their ministry
- **To Fulfill** the administrative role as a Presbytery in the United Church of Canada

Areas of Special Focus (*our goals and priorities for work in the immediate future*)

Communication: We will improve communication within presbytery and most importantly between presbytery and its constituency.

Information Sharing and Education: We will enable information sharing and education at Presbytery meetings and at other times.

Faith Formation and Spiritual Enrichment: We will create opportunities for faith formation and spiritual enrichment at Presbytery meetings and at other times.

Interaction with Congregations and Ministries: We will encourage greater interaction between Presbytery, its members and committees, and the various ministries within its bounds.

Examples for each area of special focus, taken from feedback from presbyters:

Communication

- Have a presbytery Facebook page; better use of media
- Use language that is accessible to everyone (not jargon)
- Presbyters meeting personally with congregational groups around a theme or series of questions
 - E.g. E&S might talk about Licensed Lay Worship Leaders, how they are trained, what they do
- Expand resource centre and materials it offers
 - E.g. Christian movies, resource borrowing/sharing centre
- Make variety of resources more readily available

Information Sharing and Education

- Workshops and educational events
- Special guests
- Presbytery meetings with significant time devoted to discussion and learning opportunities
- New/different ways of doing church
 - E.g. Messy Church
- Congregational visioning, asset mapping, finding their passion

Faith Formation and Spiritual Enrichment

- Enrich role of worship and prayer at Presbytery
- Ways to encourage enriched worship/prayer in congregations
- Retreats
- Times for faith sharing; devotional practices
- Different styles of worship; share ideas with and from congregations
- Focus on mission not survival

Interaction with Congregations/Ministries

- Workshops for both presbytery and congregations/ministries
- Formal and informal visits
 - E.g. pulpit/choir/Sunday School exchanges
 - Asking congregations: who are you? What do you do? How can we help you do it better?
- Encouraging and finding ways to act ecumenically in our communities
- Looking with congregations at buildings, current condition, future possibilities