

## Conference Vision Implementation Team Report

Since the approval of the Strategic Plan by delegates at the June 2015 Conference Annual Gathering, your Vision Implementation Team has been tasked with keeping the work of this plan in the forefront of the Conference and ensuring ongoing review and implementation.

Our second Conference Annual Planning Event was held September 10 at Columbia U.C.C. This was a time for each Covenanted Ministry to share with those attending their purpose and intentionally focus on the “Five Mission Imperatives” of the strategic plan. A guide/reporting form was developed by the Vision Implementation Team to assist each Ministry as they lead their respective groups through their sharing and future visioning. These reports were then shared with the Conference Council to use as they plan and budget for the upcoming year.

The need to move from the hub and spoke model to a networking model has become even more necessary as our Conference staff decreases. Each member brings special gifts, talents and experiences. Intentionally utilizing these gifts, talents and experiences that congregations, pastors and lay members have will hopefully nurture covenantal relationships, strengthen our congregations and support authorized ministers in all settings. Working together we can make this happen.

As the Vision Implementation Team moves into concluding its 3-year commitment, we are working with the Conference Council to transition the planning and implementation of the Conference Annual Planning Event to a Conference task group similar to that used when planning CAG. The Vision Implementation Team will work alongside this team in planning the next event which is being moved to late winter of 2018.

We certainly are in a time of “Living Our Change”. It has been exciting to see how we are networking to do the work God has called us to do in our churches, Associations and Conference.

Respectively submitted,

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