

Local Church Ministries Standing Committee Report

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Greetings from the Local Church Ministries Standing Committee of the Missouri Mid-South Conference. This Standing Committee, under which several Covenanted Ministries happen, has oversight of those activities and opportunities for ministry that are made available to the local churches. This Standing Committee receives reports from the women, men and youth of the conference. Both the men's and the women's retreats are self-supporting financially and require little to no financial assistance from the conference.

The Covenanted Youth Ministry, focused on youth and youth adult concerns, provides retreat opportunities for bringing these participants together and engaging them in ministry in their local churches. A separate report will highlight the National Youth Event.

Congregational Vitality is another ministry under the Local Church umbrella. They also provide a separate report. The work this group undertakes has experienced a slow-up due to health concerns among the leadership. We hold them in our prayers for healing. We appreciate the work this covenanted ministry brings to the conference table.

The newest covenanted ministry is that of the Older Adults. Under the guidance of Jan Aerie the group is finding its place within the life and work of the conference. Their initial work has been the development of a survey to gain a sense of where older adults in the local churches find themselves. A separate report is provided. You will surely hear more from this ministry as time progresses.

The mission and ministry of Missouri Mid-South Conference happens because of the financial support of its members. More significantly it happens because members from the local churches bring forth their gifts of talent and time to fulfill that mission. The covenanted ministries of the Local Church are here to give assistance and challenges to our congregations so we may be better equipped in meeting the challenges of ministry in our respective communities today.

Faithfully submitted,

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