

Strategy for Ministry Development Team (SMDT)

(This team reports to the Committee on Ministry and is not a standing committee of Presbytery)

A) Membership:

- 1) The Team shall consist of at least five (5) members, at least two (2) of whom shall be ministers. Members of this Team are not required to be serving concurrently as members of the Committee on Ministry.
- 2) A quorum shall be a majority of the membership of the Team.

B) Accountability:

The Strategy for Ministry Development Team (SMDT) shall be accountable to the Presbytery through the COM and shall report regularly to the COM. Proposals, strategies, and plans developed by the SMDT shall be communicated to the Presbytery through the Committee On Ministry as a part of its report.

C) Responsibilities:

- 1) The SMDT shall develop, present, assist with and monitor presbyterywide strategies for ministry.
- 2) The SMDT informs itself of demographic trends and particular community development plans within the Presbytery, as it monitors the needs and opportunities for developing new ministries, and revitalizing existing ministries within the Presbytery of Redstone.
- 3) The SMDT shall serve as a ministry strategy “thinktank” in which all possibilities for ministry in Christ’s name may be explored: traditional and non-traditional. Whereas this Team shall have no authority, apart from the action of the Presbytery itself, to “plant” new ministries and/or congregations, nor to consolidate or close existing ministries and/or congregations, it shall give due consideration to all possibilities in the development and on-going refinement of presbyterywide strategies for ministry.
- 4) The SMDT may accept responsibility for implementing presbyterywide strategies for ministry under the direction of the COM and the Executive Presbyter (see paragraph 5.1012 of the Manual above). It shall serve the Presbytery as a source of information concerning human and financial resources available within the denomination, which may be used in support of these strategies. (i.e. the Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program, and other such programs associated with the Congregational and National Ministries Divisions of the General Assembly Council, etc.) It shall also serve the Presbytery by providing information and training on faith-based ministry strategies and initiatives within the PC(USA), and in other Christian organizations (i.e. Church Transformation, Redevelopment, Missional churches and leaders, etc.).
- 5) The SMDT shall, annually, make budgetary recommendations concerning the administrative costs of doing its work. In addition, in consultation with the COM, the Team may make recommendations pertaining to Presbytery finances needed (if any) to support the implementation of presbyterywide strategies for ministry.