

# April 2009

SMARTER GOAL <sup>#4: COM Session Visits (5)</sup> Ministry Team

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# May 2009

#4: COM Session Visits (10)

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PRESBYTERY OF WABASH VALLEY

## PRIORITIES

with

## SMARTER GOALS

Approved by Council May 29, 2008

**S**pecific

**M**easurable

**A**ction Oriented

**R**ealistic

**T**ime Constrained

**E**valuated

**R**ationale

# OUR PRIORITIES with SMARTER GOALS

For the Presbytery of Wabash Valley

Priorities Approved by Council March 11, 2008, revised May 29 2008

Smarter Goals Approved by Council May 29, 2008

## GOD CALLS

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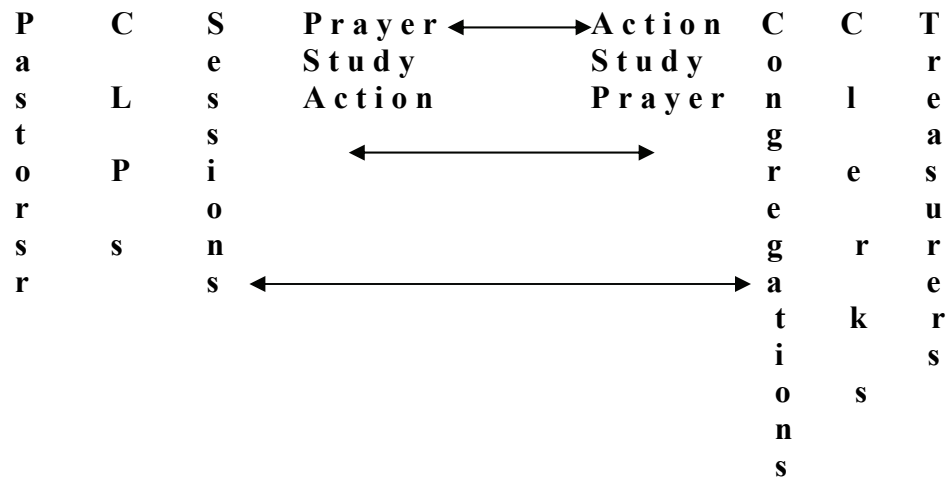
Discipleship Proclamation Ministries of Reconciliation The Great Ends of the Church

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Council/Committees Staff/Ministry Teams

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“What is God calling us, as God’s people, to be and do in today’s world?”

### COMMUNITY / SACRAMENTS



The following abbreviations are used to indicate which one of the three priorities each SMARTER GOAL is designed to help achieve:

**(CP)= CREATE AND ENHANCE CONGREGATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS to Affirm and Celebrate God’s Mission Among Us.**

**(LD)= PROVIDE, ENCOURAGE AND FINANCIALLY SUPPORT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT to Equip Leaders for the Mission to Which God Calls Us.**

**(DSR) = PRACTICE DISCERNMENT AND THE DISCIPLINE OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL Testifying to our Faith in God Who Invites Us to Respond to Grace.**

# February 2009

#4: COM Session Visits (4)

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# March 2009

#4: COM Session Visits (4)  
#11: Task Force evaluates Sabbath Experiences

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# December 2008

SMARTER GOAL Ministry Team

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# January 2009

#4: COM Session Visits (5)  
 #3: Evaluate monthly Pastors Gathering  
 #1: 2nd Evaluation of congregational communication via web

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SMARTER GOAL	Ministry Team Group, Staff, Committee	Projected Date	Achieved 25%	Achieved 50%	Achieved 75%	Achieved 100%
1. Ensure the new Church Relations Coordinator has the necessary computer, software, and related equipment to begin by September to develop on the PWV website a six month trial process for some form of congregational communication (discussion forum, weekly questions/responses, VBS resources, prayers for specific congregations, pastors and sessions). (CP)	Communications MT, Treasurer, Bookkeeper	June 2, Sept; 6 months	<b>ACHIEVED</b>			
2. Five identified leaders (2 from Council, 1 from COM, 1 from CPM, plus Pastor to Pastors) will create and present to the 2008 August Council meeting a commitment form and process that invites presbyters—beginning at the September Presbytery Assembly—to covenant to pray daily for a particular congregation in the PWV, the PWV, and the larger church for seven continuous weeks prior to the next Presbytery meeting. Each presbyter will invite his/her congregation to join in these prayers; the congregation for whom this presbyter and his/her congregation are praying is invited to communicate with this presbyter their gratitude and what things might be happening in the life of this congregation. (CP & DSR)	Task Force	Aug, Sept; 7-Wk Follow-up	<b>Provided at 3 Assemblies</b>  <b>Sept '08 = 50</b> <b>Nov '08 = 35</b> <b>Feb '09 = 15</b>			
3. With the purpose of building and encouraging healthy relationships among colleagues that fosters a common mission, beginning July 2008 the presbytery office will work with the IP to arrange a monthly (except December & month of Easter) luncheon of 7—10 pastors with the IP in various locations throughout the presbytery. The January 2009 meeting would allow for evaluation, future focus and locations. (CP)	Presbytery Officers, Interim Presbyter, Pastors	Monthly Beginning August '08	<b>Held 4 Events in 2008; Have 3 scheduled thru May 2009</b>			

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4. Under the leadership of COM with the support of Council—beginning July—early November, 2008 and continuing through 2009—ensure all sessions of congregations in PWV have at least one visit from the presbytery leaders within the next twelve months. Provide brief written report back to COM within a week of the visit. (CP)	COM'S Congregation Life Teams, Council, 93 Sessions	July-Nov '08; Jan-Nov '09		X		
5. In order to support the effort of those congregations whose leaders (pastoral staff & session) choose to engage in a transformation process, the council will approve by August 2008 a 5 – member “Missional Church” Task Force composed of two folk from CDMT and two from COM who will collaborate to develop both a Covenant for Missional Faithfulness and a process for congregations to apply for first year. (LD)	Interim Presbyter, Council, Task Force	Aug '08	<b>Ad HOC Group presented to Council in March “Transformational” Proposal!</b>			
6. The “Missional Church” Task Force would (a) begin to study, pray, and learn the possibilities for “missional faithfulness,” participate in a 3 –day missional conference in Chicago July 17-19; (b) shape a process to be approved by Council by which a congregation could request a comprehensive assessment of its mission and ministry by a trained “missional team” of the PWV; (c) develop and/or finalize a covenant between the pastoral leader(s), the session, and the	Interim Presbyter, Council, Task Force	July 17-19, '08	<b>Task Force; 2 People attended July workshop</b>			

# October 2008

#4: COM Session Visits (8)

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# November 2008

#4: COM Session Visits (8)

#2: Presbyters invited into Prayer covenant

#9: Lunch &amp; Learn

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#1 Evaluation of congregational communication forum via web  
#3: Pastors monthly gathering

# August 2008

SMARTER GOAL: Ministry Team  
 #4: COM Session Visits (5)  
 #7: Group identified, begins work on 2009 "Leadership for Church Officers"  
 #2: Prayer Covenant form & process presented to Council  
 #3: Approves five member "MC" Task Force

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# September 2008

SMARTER GOAL: Ministry Team  
 #4: COM Session Visits (5)  
 #11: Sabbath experiences begin (19 & 20th)  
 #1: Church Relations Coord. Initiates 6-month trial for congregational communication forum via web

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21	22	23 #3: Pastors Monthly Gathering	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	Enhancing Healthy Pastoral Leadership			

#2: Presbyters invited to enter two week prayer covenant  
 #5: "Missional Church" Task Force Covenant presented to PWV Assembly  
 #9: Lunch & Learn

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(continued) 6. PWV by which the congregation would engage in a discernment and transformation process for up to two years. <b>(LD &amp; DSR)</b>	Interim Presbyter, Council, Task Force	July 17-19, '08				
7. By January 2009 expand the model of leadership development—as seen in the recent Leadership for Church Officers (NWQ)—so it is a presbytery-wide event for a three-year cycle of quality training designed for officers, clerks, and treasurers, and other church staff members. As time and energy allow, consider scheduling mini-events to coincide with church program year (i.e., stewardship, nominating process, educational resources, new officers). <b>(LD)</b>	PWV Moderator, PWV V Moderator, Interim Presbyter, 3 – 5 Other Leaders	Summer, Early Fall; Jan. '09	<b>Scheduled for May 16, 2009</b>			
8. In conjunction with the May Assembly's election of new officers, ministry team and committee moderators, schedule three dates / times this fall for "leadership development" events focused on the work of the presbytery, its congregations, and the larger church. <b>(LD)</b>	Office Manager, Geneva Center, Interim Presbyter	By June 15, '08  Fall	<b>Provided 2 development events</b>			
9. For the two remaining 2008 Presbytery Assemblies, use up to 15 minutes of lunch time to provide fun leadership education regarding basics of polity, presbytery, and/or PC (U.S.A.). <b>(LD)</b>	PWV Christian Educators	September, November				
10. During remainder of 2008 Council, Ministry Teams, Committees, & staff meetings will ask (with silence, prayer, discussion, etc. as appropriate) "What is God Calling us to be and do?" for up to ten minutes at the beginning of each meeting. <b>(DSR)</b>	Staff, Officers, Moderators			<b>X</b>		

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11. In order to provide pastors, associate pastors, CLPs, Christian Educators, and other church leaders an opportunity to step back from the routine work schedule and counter, even briefly, the stress of the culture in which we live, a planning team of 3 – 5 will be convened by the 2008 Presbytery Vice Moderator for the purpose of offering six pre-presbytery Sabbath experiences and four 24-hour Sabbath retreats. These would begin September 19-20, 2008 and conclude December 31, 2009 with an average participation of 20 – 30 church leaders per experience for a total of 200 – 300 persons. Each experience will be evaluated by participants; the planning team will evaluate at mid-point (March 2009), and will make recommendations to the January, 2010 Council Retreat regarding impact and potential future experiences. <b>(DSR)</b>	PWV Vice Moderator, Task Force	By July '08 Sept. '08 Dec. '09				
12. In May '08 COM will invite a small working group to gather with the Interim Presbyter and Pastor to Pastors to plan a late summer, early fall PWV event focused on the practice of self-care as a foundation for professional ethics/boundaries. This event will be designed for all PWV pastors, associates, CLPs, and any others listed on the presbytery's "Pulpit Supply" list. <b>(CP &amp; LD)</b>	Staff, COM Leaders	May '08 Late Summer Early Fall	<b>ACHIEVED</b>			

## June 2008

#1: new computer, software & equipment set-up for CRC  
#10: Ask question at all meetings

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#4: COM leadership/Council leaders develop annual "Session Visitation" plan  
#8: Three fall dates set for PWV leadership development events

## July 2008

#4: COM coordinates 1st five session visits  
#3: PWV officers/IP plan, implement monthly pastors gathering  
#5: COM receives 1st draft of covenant for "Missional Faithfulness"  
#11: Task force convened on Sabbath Experiences

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#2: Five member prayer covenant Task force initial meeting-determines scope of work, make assignments  
#6: Three-five PWV leaders participate in "Missional Church" Conference 7/17-19/2008