

The Ministry of the Presbytery of San Diego

The Presbytery of San Diego is like a greenhouse that creates a positive, stimulating environment, where plants(churches) can grow in their missional calling in Jesus Christ. The Presbytery is like a laboratory where churches are encouraged to experiment with new forms of Biblical ministry. We are a learning community, where people come together to learn and explore with one another what God is doing in our neighborhoods, and how we can participate in His mission. The Presbytery used to be primarily a governing body, now it is primarily a relational community, and we hope to become primarily a mission agency.

The ministry of the Presbytery of San Diego is focused on three areas: congregations, congregational leaders, and the community.

The Presbytery of San Diego ministers to and with congregations by:

1. Leading congregations through a missional church survey process,
2. Providing resources, training, and connections in areas of worship, evangelism, mission, education, youth, tax matters, property issues, and personnel situations,
3. Helping churches connect with other congregations, ministries, and leaders,
4. Answering questions about what is going on in denominational matters and how to get connected to our missions, and
5. Responding to general requests, difficulties, and celebrations.

The Presbytery of San Diego ministers to and with congregational leaders by:

1. Leading pastors through a missional pastor survey process to develop new skills,
2. Overseeing about 40 candidates for the ordained ministry,
3. Working with churches to call new pastors and provide transitional pastoral leadership,
4. Plans an annual Leadership Connection Day for training and communication,
5. Provides various missional leadership training opportunities throughout the year,
6. Connects leaders to various training events throughout the year,
7. Provides accountability when leaders step outside appropriate boundaries, and
8. Brings people together for mutual learning and growth.

The Presbytery of San Diego ministers to and with the community by:

1. Reaching out to various people groups outside the church through the Iglesia Hispanic ministry, the Sudanese-American ministry, and new church plants,
2. Reaching out to the urban poor and homeless through the Presbyterian Urban Ministry,
3. Launching the Reality Changers ministry to raise up first generation college students who follow God's Word, and
4. Connecting with other churches, mission agencies, and ministries to extend the Kingdom of God throughout the Imperial and San Diego counties.