

CP&D Committee

Task Descriptions March 2004

The CP&D Committee believes it is important for the Zeeland Classis to be intentionally ready to take advantage of emerging opportunities for new church development.

For that to be true, we believe we must actively and consistently pursue the following four relationships:

1. Church Partners
2. Church Planters
3. Property
4. Finances

This committee intends to initiate and cultivate continuing relationships with our classis churches in order to assist in each congregation's understanding of, commitment to, and readiness for new church development.

This committee intends to cultivate relationships with denominational and regional synod staffs and with seminaries and Candidate Care committees so that we are continually apprised of emerging new church development leadership.

This committee intends to pursue the ongoing acquisition of property, so that we are able to place new congregations in optimal locations. We want to show foresight, and by so doing be good stewards of financial resources.

This committee intends to consistently foster relationships, both directly and through shared partnerships, so that sufficient finances are available at any given time to pursue emerging new church development opportunities.

Committee Member Assignments

1. PARTNERS - This person will be responsible, in a direct or facilitating way, for initiating and sustaining conversations with Zeeland Classis congregations regarding their involvement in new church development.
2. PLANTERS - This person will be responsible, in a direct or facilitating way, for ongoing evaluation of available new church development leadership.
3. PROPERTY - This person will be responsible, in a direct or facilitating way, for opportunities to acquire properties for new church development.
4. FINANCES - This person will be responsible, in a direct or facilitating way, for the fostering of relationships with individuals who have financial means, so that resources for new church development are continually available to this classis.

Church Planning and Development

Church Planning and Development seeks to assist the Zeeland Classis in starting new churches. The committee will seek to further the work of Christ through four primary tasks, each related to new church development. They will **1)** seek relationships with gifted church planters, **2)** encourage existing churches to be church start partners, **3)** actively pursue and faithfully manage financial resources, and **4)** actively pursue land for new church locations.

This committee shall be composed of four ministers and four laypersons, plus the Stated Clerk and Classis Treasurer ex-officio.

Persons involved in this committee must have a passion for new ways and places through which the gospel is proclaimed. With deep regard for existing congregations, they will at the same time be open to new strategies and styles of ministry. They are to be discerning in regards to persons, plans, resources, and opportunities.