

# Goals & Priorities

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We ask our brothers & sisters in Christ to consider the following as a working copy of shared goals for Church Planning & Development in Zeeland Classis.

1. Continually pursue a true kingdom focus. We will be more concerned with ministry effectiveness than with denominational numbers or strength. We will seek to discern where God is already at work, and join him there. We will find what God is already blessing, and embrace those forms, styles, and sets of values. We will be intentionally open to all that God would do through us, and how.
2. Adopt a goal of 40 congregations by 2020 ("40 x 20").
3. Adopt a strategy of strategic new works (5-6), and intentional parenting (5-6).
4. Continue to pursue a yearly 'asking' that will allow us to begin a new church start *'from scratch'* every 3-4 years.
5. Continue to nurture a working relationship with Wooddale Church, Eden Prairie, MN, so that we can introduce Zeeland Classis pastors and congregations to that congregation's parenting model.
6. Pursue a minimum of 6 pieces of land over a maximum of 10 years, and to seek this land primarily through donations from landowners who are members of Zeeland Classis churches.
7. Continually pursue relevant area demographics.
8. Make the formation of clergy support small groups a priority based on the belief that the stronger and healthier the pastor, the greater the possibility that they will be able to lead their congregations into intentional church growth and multiplication.
9. Consistently offer *Refocusing Networks* to Zeeland Classis pastors based on the belief that personal renewal precedes corporate renewal.
10. Intentionally support additional worship styles in the life of classis churches. At the same time, articulate clearly that ministry style is always a secondary issue to the need for a missionary heart.

Respectfully submitted,  
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on behalf of CP&D