



The Synod of the Covenant

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Ministry Focus Ad Hoc Team

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The **purpose** of the Ministry Focus Ad Hoc Team is to provide guidance for the staff, commissioners, and budget, for 2021 and beyond. When the Administrative Commission assumed original jurisdiction in February, 2020, they paused all ministries of the Synod, except for the Racial-Equity Caucuses and the Permanent Judicial Commission. Ministries paused included the Mobile Health Fair, Mission to the USA, Welcome All Refugees, the Cabinet on Ethnic Church Affairs (CECA), Scholarships and Grants, and others. As the Synod re-establishes its purpose and priorities, an opportunity arises to determine our ministry focus for 2021 and beyond.

The Ministry Focus Ad Hoc Team will have two **tasks**:

- 1/ To propose to the March 11, 2021, Commissioners Meeting, a list of ministry foci for 2021. The 2021 budget includes approximately \$90,000 of unallocated ministry funds which will be dedicated to the ministry foci approved at this meeting, for 2021.
- 2/ To propose a draft of longer-term ministry foci at the October 7-9, 2021 commissioner retreat. The Team will work with a consultant and the presbytery leaders to develop these longer-term foci, and the commissioners will consider these priorities as a mid-range plan beginning in 2022.

The **composition** of the Ministry Focus Ad Hoc Team will be approximately six members, plus the Synod staff. Ideally four commissioners and two presbytery leaders would compose the team.

The **time commitment** would be two or three one hour meetings before the March 11, 2021 meeting, with little commitment in between. Depending on the advice of the consultant, there might be three or four meetings between March and October. It is not certain whether there might be work to be done in between meetings.

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