

# Mission Area Roll-out



Santa Barbara District  
California-Pacific Conference  
The United Methodist Church

# Mission Area

A ***Mission Area*** is a region within a district determined by a strategic, geographic grouping of **3 to 10** congregations within that region.

The Bishop and District Superintendents expect all clergy and churches will participate in this structure and strategy.

# Mission Area Team

- Lay and Clergy

- Collaboration
- Cooperation
- Accountability
- Creativity
- Networking
- Assessing potential

# Objectives

Objectives include, but are not limited to:

1. Developing cooperative support among clergy and congregations;
2. Identifying the assets, strengths, and opportunities available to meet the needs within their shared mission field
3. Collaborating and partnering in fruitful mission and ministry.

# Initial Mechanics

*A Convening Elder or Mission Area Leader* will be appointed by the district superintendent for each Mission Area. Specific responsibilities for Convening Elders will be uniform across the annual conference. Training will begin at Clergy Convocation.

*Clergy* will be expected to meet at least **quarterly** to build relationships, share hopes and concerns, and chart their course. Beyond these, a Mission Area will determine the best pattern of gathering to accomplish its shared purpose/s.

# Mission Area clergy gatherings

The general spirit of these gatherings should take shape around the question:

- **“What can we accomplish together, working cooperatively and collaboratively, that we cannot accomplish, either as well or at all, by ourselves?”**

# Key Questions

1. What have you accomplished for the sake of the mission of the Church since we last met?
2. What did you try that didn't work? How come?
3. What did you learn from it?
4. What next steps are you going to take for the sake of the mission?

# Mission Area Teams

- convene quarterly to
- build relationships
- share hopes and concerns
- Chart shared course with a concrete mission area plan

Once established, the spirit of these gatherings should take shape around the question: **“What can we accomplish together, working cooperatively and collaboratively, that we cannot accomplish, either as well or at all, by ourselves?”**

# Mission Area Laity

The lay leaders best suited to take the lead in this effort may not be the currently elected officers of the congregation. Instead, identify key participants by asking:

**“Who has a passion for the mission of the church and a proven track record of leadership?”**

# Mission Areas

## Report to District Superintendent:

- What do we plan to achieve for the sake of the Mission of the Church?
- What we have achieved?
- What substantial risks are we taking?
- If it worked - why did it work?
- If failed, what did we learn?
- Who is involved? Attendance and level of participation.

# Mission Areas

- **SCOPE OF AUTHORITY**
- Churches are connected to the Mission Area as well as to the local community.
- The Mission Area Team has the authority and responsibility to create its own processes for assuring the achievement of its purpose, and for developing Mission Area sub-teams to carry out its ministry and mission plans.

# Mission Areas

Mission Area 1 6 churches

Shandon

Paso Robles

Atascadero

Estero Bay

San Luis Obispo

Los Osos

Leader: Robb Fuesler

# Mission Areas

Mission Area 2     6 churches

Arroyo Grande

Lompoc

Santa Maria 1<sup>st</sup>

Santa Maria Christ

Santa Maria Bethel

Santa Maria: St. Andrew

Leader: Mark Richardson

# Mission Areas

Mission Area 3 3 churches

Goleta: Santa Barbara Korean

Santa Barbara 1<sup>st</sup>

Santa Barbara: St. Mark

Leader: Hillary Chrisley

# Mission Areas

Mission Area 4 8 churches

Ventura 1<sup>st</sup>

Ventura: College

North Oxnard

Ojai

Oxnard: Korean

Oxnard: St. Paul's

Camarillo

Camarillo: Korean

Leaders: Mary Birgelaitis and Anna Mulford

# Mission Areas

Mission Area 5 5 churches

Santa Paula 1<sup>st</sup>

Santa Paula: El Buen Pastor

Fillmore 1<sup>st</sup>

Fillmore: Bardsdale

Piru

Leaders: Joel Hortiales and Kent Fromer

# Mission Areas

Mission Area 6    4 churches

Newbury Park

Thousand Oaks

Westlake Village

Moorpark

Leaders: Stan Ferguson and Steve Peralta

# Mission Areas

Mission Area 7 5 churches

Valencia

Simi Valley

Santa Clarita

Santa Clarita Korean Mission

Friendly Valley

Leader: John Shaver

# Mission Areas

Mission Area 8 8 churches

San Fernando 1<sup>st</sup>

Pacoima

Knollwood & Sun Valley

Chatsworth West

Valley Central

Northridge

Valley Korean

Sepulveda Campus

Leader: Steve Petty

# Mission Areas

Mission Area 9 6 churches

Canoga Park

Woodland Hills Korean

Woodland Hills 1<sup>st</sup>

Tarzana: St. Paul's

Reseda

Van Nuys

Leaders: Kyung Hwan Oh and Willie Foreman

# Mission Areas

Mission Area 10 5 churches

North Hollywood

Toluca Lake

Burbank 1<sup>st</sup>

Burbank: Magnolia Park

Sherman Oaks

Leader: Wayne Walters

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# Q & A

**Coordinating, encouraging, and  
facilitating mutual support  
among clergy & laity**



Making a transformative impact on the people living and working in the communities around our churches.