

Synod 2017 Mission Committee Report

The vision of the mission committee is as follow:

The Mission Committee assists ELCSA (N-T) and it's congregations to be relevant in the purpose that Christ has for the world. To help and support all congregations to live out their calling that God has placed on them.

We know that we are called to make disciples of all nations. (Matt 28:19.) How we live out our calling will be different in each congregation; however, the goal is the same. Each congregation member should grow in the relationship and knowledge of Jesus Christ, we should support each other and we should reach out to others, by using our different gifts. He can use us in growing His kingdom. Hereby we can work towards our mutual goal to glorify our Lord Jesus Christ. Act 2:42 – 47

How would you answer the following questions about your congregation?

Are you deliberate and specific in your goals and actions to live out your relevant purpose as a congregation?

How are you as a congregation doing in living out God's calling?

Are you expecting God to work in new ways? And are you willing to go new ways if necessary?

Are you aware that God has a special calling for your congregation?

May you all be blessed as you live God's calling in this world.

In the last two years, we had the following highlights:

1. In 2016 we met with the Hillcrest congregation, to encourage them and to see how they were doing in living out their calling. Their financial support comes to an end in 2018. We are thankful for what Jesus is doing in their midst.
2. We met with, Trans World radio, (ERF) visiting Eberhard and Angelica Haberkorn. We had a very informative and encouraging evening together with them.
3. In 2017 we met with the Trinity Congregation in Empangeni to discuss their way forward. We saw many positive signs of God working in their midst. We have decided to support them as a Missionary Congregation. May Jesus give them the strength to live out their God given purpose vision.
4. We have decided to form a small diaconal Sub Committee, to help co-ordinate the many different diaconal projects in our church, and to see how they can learn from each other.
5. We are still supporting the Eastrand Congregation and the Church of Peace. The Support for the Church of Peace will come to an end in 2018.

We thank all congregations for their financial support throughout the last few years. Without your support we will not be able to live out our vision of helping our church to be relevant in it calling.

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