

Vision and Strategies in Plain Language

Presbytery of Los Ranchos

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On May 26, 2016, the presbytery approved a Revised Mission Plan that included strategies and objectives. It was a way of saying, “This is how we believe we can serve God given who we are right now.” The vision, which still guides us today, was updated in 2018 to read:

“To be a community of flourishing congregations and partnerships that joyfully participate in God’s redemptive work through Jesus Christ in the world.”

The strategies of the 2016 plan were summarized as follows:

Strategies

1. The Art of Neighboring

Who are our neighbors? (demographics, needs, longings, aspirations)

What makes us good neighbors? (Good Samaritan, sacrifice, solidarity, adaptability)

How can we tell? (congregational assessments that accurately evaluate the quality of our spiritual communities)

“Invest in resources that help church leaders be effective in their unique contexts.”

2. The Art of Starting New Churches

What do you need? (a comprehensive, integrated, supportive, and innovative approach to running disciplined experiments)

Who is involved? (discerners, church starters, established congregations)

What is the path? (partnerships, accountability, sustainability, chartering)

“Steward the resources of the presbytery for organizing New Missional Communities, and encouraging existing congregations in pursuing new missional endeavors.”

3. The Art of Living, Loving and Serving God Together in a Diverse Community

What unites us? (the gospel, the reconciling work of God, God’s artistry)

What can we learn from each other? (the art of dialogue, deep listening)

How can we benefit from each other’s strengths? (story telling, visitations, partnerships)

Collaborate effectively within a wider community of ethnic, linguistic, and theological diversity...