

**“Transformation”** – a strategic planning process empowering the E.C.Church to realize the vision of being “a dynamic movement of God.”

The extensive and effective journey of the Vision 20/20 project has completed its course. Its compelling call to embrace God’s desire for our church resulted in the development of a new statement of purpose, mission, vision, and values. It also initiated a major restructuring of the denomination. Now we find ourselves at another crucial intersection in the journey which will make us into a healthy church that effectively multiplies both disciples and churches. We know where we want to go – to become “a dynamic movement of God.” We stand at a crossroads where another round of “strategic mapping” (long range planning) is needed to lay out a clear path by how we will get there.

I have discussed this “intersection with destiny” at which we find ourselves, with the National Executive Committee. With their valuable input I would like to put forth this preliminary proposal for the consideration and comment of the National Ministry Team.

**THE SCOPE** – of the renewed planning process would start with our existing denominational PMVV statement and finish with the development of the strategic initiatives, thematic goals, and action steps needed to fulfill them more completely.

**Assumptions** –

- The current PMVV’s are essentially correct and “timeless.” From time to time they may need to be restated and refocused, but overall they capture foundational biblical truth that defines who we are.
- The current PMVV’s may be reviewed and “tweaked” in this planning process, but no major revision is intended. Overall the PMVV’s will serve as the grid by which we evaluate “how we are doing” as well as the target that shapes our answer to “what needs to be done.” I.e., “Do we live them?” “How can we do so?”

**Instructions** –

- This planning process can be used as an opportunity to clarify and reinforce our current PMVV’s. They need to be reinforced & imbedded into our culture.
- At present it is thought that of our current PMVV’s the core value of healthy ministry and the visionary objectives of interdependence ( districting) and church planting may be the least realized.

**THE METHODOLOGY** – of the planning process would be developed and carried out by an “ad hoc” group or “task force” that will shape and shepherd the project and report back to the NC/NMT.

- A group of 10-12 is envisioned to form the core of the team.
- The planning group will determine if a new SWOT analysis is appropriate or another analytical format or series of planning tools are needed.
- The planning group will be charged to involve the Districts in the process as a unit for feedback and assessment. It is recommended that this be done as early and often in the process as feasible to both empower the districts and enlarge the circle of ownership for the planning. Other constituencies and the larger church may certainly be contacted for input.
- A potential starting point or base line for this new round of planning may be the 2006 Summary 20/20 Evaluation presented to NMT. The new planning group must determine if those past conclusions are still current as well as the significance of any changes.

**THE TIMETABLE** – for the planning process is envisioned as running from May 2009 to May 2010. A series of group meeting along with one or more retreat type event will be utilized.

March 2009	Bishop presents initial proposal to NMT
May 2009	Bishop presents formal propose to authorize the process at NC
Summer 2009	The planning group is recruited
Fall 2009 – Winter 2010	The planning group completes its work
Spring 2010	The planning group reports to NC

Members of the National Ministry Team and National Conference are invited to make suggestions regarding the people to be appointed to the planning group. You are also welcome to indicate your level of interest in serving on this group.