

THE PRESBYTERY OF NEW HARMONY

VISION/PURPOSE of a PRESBYTERY

(Book of Order G-3.0301)

“The presbytery is responsible for the government of the church throughout its district, and for assisting and supporting the witness of congregations to the sovereign activity of God in the world, so that all congregations become communities of faith, hope, love, and witness.”

MISSION STATEMENT

Approved by NHP: November 16, 2021

(The Mission Statement guides NHP to do what God calls us to do as a presbytery.)

New Harmony is a Presbytery that...

- Nurtures togetherness with resources for addressing issues of the 21st century;
- Walks alongside its pastoral leaders with care, equipping and encouraging faithfulness, growth, and creativity; and
- Supports, encourages, and promotes racial equality, social justice, and all forms of diversity within worship and ministry.

MINISTRY GOALS

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(This is how NHP will focus efforts and resources in order to accomplish its Mission.)

1. Engaging in new and creative ministries, as we live out of (not on) Presbyterian and Christian traditions.
2. Embracing and being empowered by our diversity (connecting).
3. Discovering, highlighting, celebrating and utilizing the many resources in our midst.

MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

Implement in 2024

1. Pulpit swap throughout NHP (Goal 1)
 - Start in clusters
 - NHP Day: setting a particular date for the entire presbytery, but flexible.
 - Overseen by Gavin and Ella
2. Mission and Ministry (M&M) for Children's Ministry established (Goal 1)
 - Overseen by those who are a part of the M&M as well as supported by the Guiding Council and Cultivation and Empowerment Committee
3. Continue learning/education/conversation time on issues at NHP Stated Meetings, ordinarily between worship and lunch (Goal 1 & 3)
 - Consider changing the name of our quarterly "Stated Meetings" to "NHP Gatherings" since worship, fellowship, conversation, education and learning as well as business.
 - Overseen by the Guiding Council by way of the Moderators, Gavin and Ella with input from various NHP committees and entities – 2025 themes on Anti-racism
4. Scholarships for Commissioned Pastor Preparation and Continuing Education (Goal 2)
 - Overseen by COM, Guiding Council, and CPM
5. Recommend study and expansion of sabbatical (Goal 2)
 - Policy included in Presbytery minimum for installed and develop for part-time Supply and Commissioned Pastors
 - Guidelines for providing financial support to p/t pastoral leaders for education and sabbatical.
 - Overseen by COM
6. "Buddy-up" system where pastoral leaders have collegial relationships (Goal 2)
 - Overseen by Ella
7. Create a team to develop NHP anti-racism training and guide implementation including plan for first Justice Pilgrimage (Goal 1 & 3)
 - Overseen by the Guiding Council which develops team description and recruits Anti-Racism Team
 - Training overseen by Team and Pilgrimage overseen by Team, Gavin and Ella
8. Tithe of Camp Pee Dee money to social justice and advocacy (Goal 3)
 - Guiding Council appoints Social Justice and Advocacy Team
 - Team makes recommendations to NHP through the Guiding Council

Implement in 2025

1. Establish a New Worshipping Communities (NWC) Team (Goal 1)
 - Overseen by the Guiding Council, its responsibilities and membership