

Peer Support Groups

in Mission Presbytery

Mission Presbytery has recruited ministers for three groups. Each group has a chairperson who manages the process in these groups.

The model consists in structured monthly meetings of groups of twelve or so, and one-on-one conversations between the chair and each member of the group between the meetings.

One-on-one conversations follow up on implementation steps the group member decided for him/herself in the previous meeting, and are used to sharpen an issue the members wants to put before the group for problem solving in the next (or some future) meeting.

Monthly meetings consist of personal sharing and an educational presentation by an outside resource person, usually on a topic in which the group has expressed an interest. These presentations are done in a structured format that maximize use of time.

The morning typically is given to these activities: the afternoon uses a structured problem solving process to enable the group to engage in problem solving with issues/problems presented by the individual members. (Typically 3-4 problems will be worked on in an afternoon session; this efficiency of time use is made possible by the one-on-one preparation and a structured group problem solving process.)

This model has been successfully tested for 3-5 years in TCC groups of inner city pastors in Philadelphia, Denver, and Los Angeles. A fourth group recently started in Minneapolis; it is interfaith and includes a rabbi and an imam along with Christian pastors.

Organizing Pastors Support and Accountability Regional Groups

A Covenant For Participation In A Pastors Support And Accountability Group

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