**Revitalization Stewardship Plan**

The following questionnaire is to be completed by the session of the church for review by the presbytery home missions committee and/or visitation committee. We recognize that God alone builds the church, but we serve him as stewards in committing finite resources to the work of revitalization and church health. Therefore, we do well to sit down and count the cost; to exercise wisdom and common sense in beginning such labor. This questionnaire serves as a tool for the planning and preparing of a revitalization work.

A detailed Stewardship Plan has several purposes:

1. to ask important questions about a church in order to examine the activities and resources needed to pursue greater spiritual health;
2. to consider the history of the church, to begin to recognize assets and deficits to growing in spiritual health;
3. to help the church with her local presbytery to determine whether inviting outside eyes into the church for a careful and honest evaluation is useful for the session and the church, and to consider whether the leadership is ready to receive even difficult words in the pursuit of new health;
4. to help identify a mentor, and to prepare both the session and the mentor for a productive mentoring relationship – both so that mentor learns about the church and so that the session can identify and evaluate mentor candidates.

**Once completed, please return to the CHEX Committee at chexoffice@gmail.com.**

HISTORY AND CURRENT STATUS OF CHURCH

Briefly outline the history of the local church and where it stands today. This summary

should include:

1. Current average attendance and recent attendance trends (last five years if possible);
2. List of officers, including their timeline of officer service in any church and their history of service in this local church;
3. Financial trends – financial summary report (not full report) from last five years, including fund balances over those five years;
4. A brief history of the church, including some of the ways the Lord has blessed the church and blessed people through the ministry of the church;
5. A brief summary of the condition of the church today, focused on certain categories of church life – teaching ministry, discipleship, fellowship, evangelism, prayer life;
6. A brief summary (probably 1-2 paragraphs) of why the church is struggling recently, and why a mentor would be helpful.

OBJECTIVES

Briefly describe the objectives of the church. What are its goals? How is this church different from other churches in this community? Why does this church need to do ministry in this community at this time?

COMMUNITY ANALYSIS

Describe the community in which this church is located. Here are some examples of questions to answer. What is the size of the community? What is the growth rate? What is the ethnic and socio/economic makeup of the surrounding community? What are the demographic trends (e.g. population, economic, ethnic, cultural, etc.)? What are the opportunities and challenges of growing a church in this community?

ECCLESIASTICAL ANALYSIS

Describe the ecclesiastical community. Have any new churches been planted in the community in the past five years? What is the present status of these new churches? What church or churches in the community would be most like the contemplated mission work?

Most important: Make a list of all the NAPARC churches within 15 miles (or in the greater metropolitan area) including the name of the pastor(s) and address of the church. Make a list of all the Reformed churches (broadly defined to include CRC, RCA, CREC, Calvinistic or Reformed Baptist, Independent Reformed) within 15 miles including the name of the pastor(s) and address of the church.

OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM

Give an historical sketch of the ministry of outreach and evangelism already exhibited within the group. What have you done as a group? As individuals? Explain how the members have involved themselves in this work already. Describe plans for outreach and evangelism going forward. What will you do? How will you do it? Who will do it?

OPPORTUNITIES

Describe why this church is attractive to outsiders and draw some conclusions based on your research. What evidence do you have that demonstrates the need for a Reformed and Presbyterian work in your community? How can you become more effective in meeting that need through the kind of ministry described in Acts 2:42-47?