

Guiding Principles and Mission Statement

Guiding Principles:

(1) *Our Presbytery needs to shift from an emphasis on being a regulatory agency to an emphasis on being a service community by supporting congregations in addressing their needs and opportunities and by increasing resources, information and training for mission and ministry.*

(2) *Our Presbytery needs to shift from a communication pattern where the Presbytery supplies information and persuades participation to dialogue in which congregations and Presbytery actively talk to and listen to each other and respond to one another.*

(3) *Our Presbytery needs to shift the attitude about the relationship among congregations and the Presbytery from one that is at times suspicious, and fearful to one that is more collegial and collaborative in ministry.*

Mission Statement:

To pursue these three Guiding Principles, the Planning Team recommends the adoption of a new mission statement for our new vision and calling:

The Presbytery of Carlisle Exists to Support Our Congregations for Faithful Service to God in the Name of Jesus Christ.