

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Rev. Seaburn Daniel, Chairman

The Executive Council of the Association was responsible for **managing the Associational Strategy Planning Process** which began prior to the **1998 annual meeting**. The following were adopted at that meeting.

We Value:

Supportive ministry to the churches
Cooperation and involvement in local and global missions
Each church in its uniqueness
Flexibility to meet changing needs
Community among the churches
Assisting churches in spiritual and numerical growth

Our Mission:

Under the Lordship of Christ, to equip, support, and involve our family of churches in meeting the spiritual and physical needs of a changing community and world.

Our Vision:

Every church equipped to share Jesus with every person in word and deed, beginning at home and extending around the world.

Four task groups were formed to study the Association context: churches, social systems, population, and organization. After the data for those areas were compiled, a retreat with representatives from the churches was held at Eagle Eyrie on February 26-27, 1999. At that time, the following priorities for the Association were established:

- † Leadership Training
- † Children and Youth
- † Information Support Services
- † Missions and Missions Support
- † Evangelism and Discipleship

Those priorities were then taken by work groups at the retreat and further developed into goals and objectives. The following goals and objectives were assigned by the Executive Council to groups or committees of the Association:

PRIORITY: Leadership Training

Goal/Destination: To provide ongoing staff and lay leadership training for effectively equipping all key church leaders to fulfill the Great Commission.

Objective/Vehicle #1: By conducting an annual key leaders development conference, consisting of seminars addressing specific needs of churches in the association starting in the year 2000. (*Executive Council*)

Objective/Vehicle #2: By providing annual, innovative Sunday School teacher development workshops beginning March 23, 2000. (*Bible Teaching*)

Objective/Vehicle #3: By providing quarterly continuing ministerial education to address specific ministerial needs by September 2000. (*Ministers' Conference*)

Objective/Vehicle #4: By providing bi-annual deacon ministry workshops to address current church ministry needs starting in October 2001. (*Executive Council*)

PRIORITY: Children and Youth

Goal/Destination: To enable the churches to develop ways to reach and minister to children and youth.

Objective/Vehicle #1: By exploring alternatives for providing children/youth ministries consultant/coordinator services to the churches of the association. Make a recommendation to the association by October 2000. Possible strategies include:

- † Hiring a consultant for each specific children/youth activity
- † Calling a DOM with experience/training in these areas
- † Sharing a minister to children/youth with a church or another association
- † Hiring a Church Development Minister with areas of responsibility to include children/youth

(*Youth Committee*)

Objective/Vehicle #2: By refining and enlarging the duties of the associational youth committee by October 2001. (*Bylaws Committee*)

Objective/Vehicle #3: By having a weekend youth revival/concert by April 2002. (*Youth Committee*)

Objective/Vehicle #4: By assisting churches to start youth/children's centers for tutoring, latch-key children, and Bible study by August 2002. (*Youth Committee*)

PRIORITY: Information Support Services

Goal/Destination: To provide a comprehensive multi-media resource and information center.

Objective/Vehicle #1: By establishing and maintaining an associational e-mail directory by January 1, 2000. (*Administrative Assistant*)

Objective/Vehicle #2: By evaluating the churches' needs and recommending purchase of necessary multi-media equipment by October 2000. *(Media Center Committee)*

Objective/Vehicle #3: By establishing an associational website by March 2001. *(Media Center Committee)*

Objective/Vehicle #4: By putting together a resource team for on-site consultations and training in equipment use by June 2001. *(Media Center Committee)*

Objective/Vehicle #5: By refining and enlarging the duties of the associational media center committee by October 2001. *(Bylaws Committee)*

The following were elected by the churches to serve as representatives on the Executive Board of the Association as well as on associational committees. The Executive Council will meet on Thursday, October 28, to make the committee assignments which will be published in the November newsletter.

Beaverdam	Mrs. Ruth Donahue	J. Henry Powers
Bedford	Norris Goode	Carl Wells
Bethel	Ann Harris	Gloria Harris
Bethlehem		
Big Island	Tommy Turpin	James T. Watson
Diamond Hill	Tilton Meador	Ray Minter
Flint Hill	Frank J. Smith	William L. Stevens
Forest	Evelyn Newberry	Mervin Newberry
Glade Creek	Nelson Dudley	
Hunting Creek		
Mentow	John Woodford	Winston Woodford
Morgans	Harry Saunders	Gene Suggs
Mount Hermon	Melvin Markham	Robert Whalen
Mount Olivet	Glenn Fizer, Jr.	Dottie Nance
Mount Zion	James Anderson	
Mountain View	Miss Audrey Foster	
North Bedford	Jeanette Southall	Harvey Wray
Palestine	Randel Crouch	Ellis (Pete) Tuck
Pecks	D. J. Ashwell	Holmes Updike
Quaker	Mack Burnette	Richard Goode
Radford	Thelma Meador	Charlotte Pagans
Rainbow Forest	Dick Akers	Bill Bowles
Sedalia	Mike Fifer	Mike King
Shady Grove	Vernon Burroughs, III	Howard Hendrick
Staunton	Anita Brammer	Charles Brammer
Suck Spring	Marcia Balderson	Pat Miller
Terrace View	Carl Sensabaugh	Jean Sensabaugh
Thaxton		
Timber Ridge	Randy Stanley	Horace Wooldrige
Trinity	Carol R. Jones	Carolyn Sumner
Walnut Grove	Judi M. Cook	Tommy Cook

PRIORITY: Missions and Missions Support

Goal/Destination: To provide the individual churches an avenue for mission involvement—local, national, worldwide.

Objective/Vehicle #1: By continuing to conduct an annual missions leadership conference. *(Brotherhood & Woman's Missionary Union)*

Objective/Vehicle #2: By forming associational mission teams to do projects wherever there is need by 2000. *(Missions Partnerships)*

Objective/Vehicle #3: By sharing information about church and associational mission team projects—time, type of project, progress reports. *(Missions Partnerships)*

Objective/Vehicle #4: By providing churches opportunities to be involved in planting a church by 2004. *(Missions Development)*

PRIORITY: Evangelism and Discipleship

Goal/Destination: To equip and support churches to reach the lost and unchurched, and to promote and strengthen discipleship.

Objective/Vehicle #1: By providing regular leadership training for discipleship ministries such as: *Experiencing God, The Mind of Christ*, etc., by Fall 1999. *(Discipleship)*

Objective/Vehicle #2: By conducting regular seminars to train church leaders to train others to share Christ with people of all ages and lifestyles beginning in September 2001. *(Evangelism)*

Objective/Vehicle #3: By conducting regular seminars to train church leaders to train others in membership retention and recovery of inactive members by September 2002. *(Evangelism)*