



Instructions for Module L002

PRODUCING A MISSION STATEMENT

- Goal(s): The goals of **Module L002: Producing a Mission Statement** are:
- to achieve Biblical understanding of the concept of “mission,”
 - to help the congregation review Christ’s mission for his Church,
 - to guide the congregation through the process of evaluating their current mission statement or producing a mission statement.

We recommend using the module as follows:

1. Have a strategic planning team meet and do the Bible study, *The Mission of the Church*. At the end of the meeting, the discussion piece *Producing a Mission Statement* is distributed to the group.
2. The members of the strategic planning team take the discussion piece home and read through it carefully. They take notes and complete the assignments, which includes: evaluating the current congregational mission statement (if there is one), researching mission statements online, and trying to write a congregational mission statement on their own.
3. The strategic planning team has a second meeting. They begin with the devotion *Plans and the Heart*. Then they discuss the discussion piece. In the “for further discussion” session they spend time sharing the mission statements they crafted. The group decides if: a) they are going to keep the current mission statement (if there is one), b) if they are going to amend the current mission statement, or c) if they are going to produce a new mission statement. If they decide on option c, they begin that process at this meeting. The strategic planning team already has some potential statements written as part of their homework. If they cannot reach consensus at this meeting, they can adjourn and schedule a third meeting to complete the congregational mission statement.
4. Present the Bible study on *The Mission of the Church* to the entire congregation. At the end, the congregational president or pastor presents the refined/new mission statement that was produced by the strategic planning team. It is discussed.
5. If necessary, have the appropriate governance body adopt the mission statement at the earliest possible time.

