

### Networking Overview

1. The guiding principles for the Networking Subcommittee are:
  - a. The April 28, 2005 Council mandate which reads:

“Responsible for all communication media for the presbytery, determine each medium's purposes and audience, plan how communications will work within the new structure and implement those plans by the date the new structure will become effective.”
  - b. The Vision Statement of Presbytery:

Our vision is for each congregation and presbytery member to be:

    - Vital in ministry
    - Supported in meeting existing and emerging needs and
    - Connected in Christ-like ways for shared mission all to the glory of God.
  - c. The Mission Statement of the Presbytery:

The mission of North Puget Sound Presbytery is to:

    - Engage
    - Resource and
    - Encourage
    - Congregations and presbytery members as together they serve Jesus Christ to transform the world.
2. Print and electronic media formats, personal contacts, and a database will need to be considered in developing a comprehensive communications network that will:
  - facilitate congregational mission sharing and invite support and participation from other congregations and individuals (members and non-members of NPSP)
  - develop a network where presbytery congregations, committees, council, office staff, and others can send and receive information in multiple ways to a variety of groups promptly and efficiently
  - develop a network that is adaptive, flexible, and responsive to emerging needs and changes through the presbytery
  - provide resources for training church staff and leaders and facilitate the sharing of ideas and resources among NPSP congregations
  - promote the NPSP vision and mission statements

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3. The Subcommittee as a whole should possess the following characteristics:
  - ability to apply current technologies to meet the networking and communication needs within the presbytery
  - ability to analyze communication methods on the basis of purpose and established set of criteria not historical tradition
  - possess the skills necessary to keep current information posted (electronic methods)
  - strong writing and verbal communication skills
  - the ability to train presbytery members to effectively use the networking and communication tools developed for their use
  
4. Networking and communication methods should be reviewed annually for effectiveness and compatibility with the purpose of the Networking Subcommittee and NPSP vision and mission statements.
  
5. The committee is responsible for sharing communications among all levels of PC(U.S.A.), such as the Office of General Assembly, the Synod of Alaska Northwest, and NPSP congregations.
  
6. A support group of key communication contacts from NPSP congregations may be enlisted to facilitate effective communication and networking.
  
7. Print Media - A variety of printed materials may be necessary to fulfill the purpose of this Subcommittee such as Executive Summaries for all congregational missions, a presbytery-wide newsletter, a tri-fold brochure introducing the work of Presbytery to congregational members, etc.
  - Print media tasks and considerations should include:
    - maintaining current information
    - preparing mailings in compliance with UPSP regulations
    - developing a schedule of publication timings that will be most beneficial to the audience and compatible with the purpose of the publication
  
8. Electronic Media includes email communications and a web presence.
  
9. Database tasks and considerations:
  - must be flexible enough to sort multiple fields simultaneously