

Resources for Re-Engaging the Community

Mission Study Processes

“Revision,” – produced and marketed by Percept, 151 Kalmus Drive, Suite A104, Costa Mesa, CA 92626. This process includes a demographic package on the area surrounding the congregation from Percept (probably the most user-friendly demographic package available to churches). Their web site is www.perceptnet.com.

Smaller Church Mission Study Guide, Henry A. Blunk, published by The Geneva Press, Philadelphia, 1978 – no longer in print, but available in many presbytery offices and resource centers.

Congregations in Transition, Carl S. Dudley and Nancy T. Ammerman, San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2002.

Studying Congregations: A New Handbook, Nancy Ammerman, Jackson W. Carroll, Carl S. Dudley, and William McKinney, Nashville: Abingdon Press, 1998.

Congregational Mission Studies Notebook, David Wasserman, Hugh Anderson, James Cushman, Henry Snedeker-Meier, and Bruce Tischler, produced in 1989, with several revisions – distributed by Presbyterian Distribution Service – PDS#72-380-96-002.

Church: Discover Your Calling, a mission study process that enables a congregation to discover its unique calling, by Robert C. Linthicum, 1236 Fairway Circle, Upland, CA 91786 – produced in 1992, 1993.

A Pilgrim People In Mission, produced by The Synod of the Trinity in 1990, available through PDS#72-320-95-001

Research Services office of the General Assembly offers a demographic report on community surrounding the church (usually a 3-mile radius, but area can be customized). It also includes the number of local congregations and members by denomination in the county. The cost is \$65. They also offer for \$25 a Ten-Year Trend Report from data from a congregation’s Session Annual Statistical Report for the most recent 10 years. Some of this information is also available on the Research Services web pages (<http://apps.pcusa.org/chstats/>).