

## **CHECKLIST FOR ESTABLISHING A MISSION CHURCH**

### **I Establishing a Mission Church**

- A. Petition to plant a mission church approved by presbytery (BCO 5-2).
- B. Presbytery provides a temporary system of government (BCO 5-3)
- C. Pastoral ministry provided by presbytery (BCO 5-4).
- D. Church members received by temporary government (BCO 5-5, 12-5a & 57)

### **II Steps to Organization of a Mission Church**

- A. Temporary government determines there are men who appear to be qualified to serve as church officers.
- B. Potential church officers are identified, nominated, trained, and examined following the procedures in BCO 24.
- C. Election of Officers (Normally 2 weeks before the organization service.) BCO 5-9d.
- D. Election of a Pastor (See BCO 5-9f)
- E. Presbytery approves the membership petition to organize (BCO 5-9g).
- F. Presbytery appoints an organizing commission and sets the date and time of the organization service (BCO 5-9h).

### **II Organization Service (BCO 5-9i)**

- A. Ordination and Installation of Officers.
- B. Ordination (if necessary) and installation of a Pastor.
- C. Membership Covenant (5-9i.(3))
- D. Declaration of Organization