PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

# 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