

VISION



2020



Vision 2020 Ministry Team Overview

**Blue River-Kansas City
Baptist Association**

GRACE,

Gospel Outreach

Resourcing Churches

Assisting Community Transformation

Church Planting

Equipping Leaders



These are the five objectives of VISION 2020, the Association's strategic ministry plan for the coming decade. Our purpose is to help our member churches reach the lost and develop disciples by encouraging and assisting them in these five areas. Our vision statement for this effort says,

"We envision a network of healthy Baptist churches partnering together to transform lives and communities through the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ at home, in North America and around the world."

This is an exciting new direction for associational ministry, and you can play a key role in our missions effort. Ministry Teams have been formed to oversee the goals and work of the Association in each objective. These teams are made up of volunteers who have a heart desire for local missions and who want to work with people from sister churches to share the Good News of Christ with the lost in our communities.

How can you "plug in" and be a part of local missions?

Read through the descriptions of each Ministry Team's assignment and pray about which one best suits your skills and desires. Call the Association office at 816-623-5260 and tell us which team you would like to join, and give us your contact information (name, address, phone and e-mail). We will send you a schedule of the team meetings and e-mail you a reminder before each meeting. Read through the FAQs that follow, and if you have any other questions, call Dr. Hammer or Gregg Boll at 816-623-5260.

FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

1. How often will the teams meet?

The teams will meet once each month from January - May and August - December. The teams meet on the second Thursday of each of those months from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

2. Who will lead the teams?

A leader and co-leader has been enlisted for each team by Dr. Hammer. Each year, Dr. Hammer will visit with the team leaders to see if they wish to continue. If a leader asks to step down from the position, Dr. Hammer and the association staff will enlist a replacement in consultation with the team.

3. How long can I serve on a team?

Membership on a team is fluid. You can join for any length of time that suits your schedule. You can even come sit in on an individual meeting and give input to their work, or see what the team is like and what work they are doing before deciding if you want to join the team. We hope that you will make a personal commitment to become a regular active member, participating in each meeting of the team, but your level of involvement is strictly up to you.

4. Can I be on more than one team?

Yes. You can be a part of as many teams as you wish, but the teams all meet at the same time. I would be better to choose one team that most interests you.

5. How can I get off a team once I start working with one?

Simply notify the team leader that you will no longer be able to be involved.

6. Exactly what will the teams do?

A Master Ministry Plan has been developed by the Association with specific goals and action plans for each of the five objectives. The Ministry Teams will function as administrators to see that each goal is addressed. They will determine the best way to accomplish the action plans and will recruit the volunteers needed for the work. The Association staff will be at their disposal for consultation and assistance, but the team will have the responsibility of carrying out the goals of the Master Ministry Plan.

Each year, each Ministry Team will be asked to give input to the Association's budget process. As new ministry needs are identified by the team and new goals are set, the team will be expected to help develop a budget that will enable them to accomplish their goals. That budget request will be submitted to the Finance Committee of the Association who will in turn submit the entire budget to the Executive Board for recommendation to the messengers at the Annual Meeting of the Association. Also, the teams will evaluate ministry grant requests. These grants are governed by the Vision 2020 Spending and Investment Plan as approved by the Executive Board.

7. Will team members be expected to do all of the work called for in the goals and action plans?

No. The teams will enlist the volunteers needed to carry out the action plans.

8. Can I invite others to join my team?

Absolutely! We encourage you to enlist anyone who you feel has a heart desire for local missions and would be a good addition to the team.

9. Where can I find out about the specific mission and ministry opportunities that the Association is currently involved in?

You can read about the most current ministry opportunities in the Master Ministry Plan booklet at www.blueriver-kansascity.org. Click on “Resources/Vision 2020”.

Gospel Outreach



This team is tasked with the goal of encouraging every church in the Association to be intentionally sharing the Gospel locally, nationally and internationally by the year 2020.

The team will also provide evangelism training for any church that requests it. They will assist our campus missionaries with outreach to college students. They will work to partner churches that have a history of involvement in mission outreach with churches that have not yet been personally involved in local, national or international mission projects.

They will encourage churches in different regions of the Association to work together to reach the lost in their region through cooperative evangelism projects and events.

They have begun work in Vancouver, British Columbia as well as the Horn of Africa in order fulfill our vision to truly be an Acts 1:8 association.

Resourcing Churches

This team is tasked with developing Resource Groups (volunteers with specific ministry expertise) who will serve as consultants and hands-on help for churches needing assistance in various areas of ministry (i.e. VBS, Youth, Sunday School, Discipleship, Conflict Resolution, etc.).

They will also work to develop partnerships between churches who can help meet each other's needs through sharing materials and personnel.

Assisting Community Transformation

The ACT Ministry Team will work to improve conditions in communities where there are identifiable needs. This will involve ministry to our public schools through the Adopt-a-School program, creating leadership networks for the purpose of training churches in how to become involved in their communities, provide programming that will address community issues such as health, violence, homelessness, pregnancy prevention, etc.

Church Planting

This team will help our churches to start at least 30 new churches by 2020. They will address financial needs involved in starting a church as well as identifying, assessing and coaching potential Church Planters. This team will have one of the most challenging tasks, placing qualified church planters with established congregations who will be willing to help start a new work.



Kansas City is considered a SEND City by the North American Mission Board in their most recent endeavor to focus on starting multiple churches in America's major cities. Along with this emphasis, several new opportunities and resources for service are available to our churches interested in starting new churches.

Equipping Leaders

The Equipping Leaders Team will assist churches in assessing leadership training needs and develop networks of leaders to address those needs. They will work to encourage mentoring partnerships among ministers (pastor to pastor, youth minister to youth minister, etc.), and they will seek to establish small peer groups throughout the Association by regions for the purpose of dialogue, encouragement and prayer. This team will publicize and encourage pastors in our Association to participate in the newly organized Legacy Cohort ministry designed to help pastors lead their plateaued or struggling church to greater health by growth.

There is a place for you to partner with others in our Association to reach more people and help one another! God will enable us to do more together to transform lives and communities for His glory. We look forward to hearing from you and pursuing VISION 2020 together with you.

Read all of the detailed Action Plans on our website at

www.blueriver-kansascity.org

Click on “Resources/Vision 2020 Master Ministry Plan”



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