



Presbytery of Lake Michigan

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Core Values:

As partners in Christ's service, we seek God's way of grace and justice through:
Inclusion, Formation & Inspiration.

Mission Statement:

The Presbytery of Lake Michigan forms and partners with faith communities to challenge, encourage, equip and hold one another accountable as Christ's disciples.

Vision Statement:

We envision dynamic leaders and healthy congregations who are vital to their communities, working together to share the way of Christ's love, grace and justice.

Goals:

1. *PLM will work to **strengthen relationships** between*
 - a. *the Presbytery and its congregations,*
 - b. *the Presbytery and its minister members,*
 - c. *the Presbytery and Sessions, and*
 - d. *Congregations.*
2. *PLM will **resource and support congregations** for healthy and vital ministries.*
3. *PLM will **develop and support healthy and dynamic leaders** for congregations and validated ministries.*
4. *PLM will **fulfill its other responsibilities** mandated in G-3.03 in the Book of Order, including but not limited to:*
 - a. *Organizing, receiving, merging, dismissing, and dissolving congregations,*
 - b. *Overseeing congregations without pastors,*
 - c. *Establishing pastoral relationships and dissolving them,*
 - d. *Guiding the preparation of those preparing to become ministers of Word and Sacrament,*
 - e. *Maintaining relationships with Synod and General Assembly as well as ecumenical and interfaith entities, and*
 - f. *Developing strategies for the mission of the churches within the presbytery.*