

Mission of the South Georgia Annual Conference

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THOMASVILLE DISTRICT VISION FOCUS 2011-2012

LISTEN

"Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is that Head, that is, Christ"
(*Ephesians 4:15*)

- To the will of God
- To all clergy through listening sessions, consultations and communication as needed/requested
- To all churches through Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee, Charge Conference and Visits to Local Church Programs and Activities

WORK AND TEACH

"Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and teaching." (1 Timothy 4:13)

- Execute the duties of the office of the district superintendent
- Teach and empower clergy to make disciples
- Encourage every pastor to develop a disciple plan
- Empower and resource pastors to encourage laity to make disciples
- Encourage every lay person to work with their pastor and church to develop a discipleship plan
- Teach and Communicate the Ten Timeless Values of the Faith:
Prayer, Scripture, The Lord's Supper, Fasting, Fellowship, Baptism, Witness,
Justice, Sabbath, Stewardship
- Continue/Develop Clergy Clusters, District Conference, and a District Disciple Making Team
- Develop effective ways to communicate to all persons in the Thomasville District

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EVALUATE AND LEARN

"... the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." Galatians 5:22-23a

- Is the district bearing spiritual fruit?
- What evidence do we have of spiritual fruit in the local church and district?
- How can we bear more spiritual fruit?

REST

"Then the LORD said to Moses, "Say to the Israelites, 'You must observe my Sabbaths. This will be a sign between me and you for the generations to come, so you may know that I am the LORD, who makes you holy.'" (Ex 31:12-17)

- Spend time every day with God
- Empower, encourage and support clergy and laity in observing Sabbath rest
- Do no harm. Do good. Stay in Love with God.

GROW

"And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work and growing in the knowledge of God." Colossians 1:10

- Grow as a disciple
- Encourage others to grow in discipleship
- Make disciples and encourage others to make disciples
- Resource disciple formation in the district
- Communicate the disciple making process and response within the Thomasville District to the local churches, district and conference