

Proposed POINT Representative Plan of Action

Presbytery

A suggested plan of action for nurturing Christian education, interpreting educational resources, and promoting the ministry of the POINT network:

- ☐ Contact each church in your area or presbytery one time per year to gather information and to offer assistance. This can be done with the help of an education committee, if applicable, other persons who are interested in education in your area, or volunteers who will make phone calls with you. Consider creating your own POINT ministry task force.
- ☐ Obtain vital information from congregations and create an up-to-date list of those serving in education as professionals or volunteers. Keep these persons informed about denominational resources and ministries that may be helpful to their congregations. (See suggested script and survey on the next page in this guide.)
- ☐ Divide churches in the presbytery into two or more geographical regions for easier coordination of contacts and support. Plan ways to serve specific congregations within each region by using common factors, such as church size, level of activity, age groups represented, or programmatic needs.
- ☐ Publish a POINT flier or newsletter regularly, highlighting resources and curriculum evaluation tools. Coordinate your publications and the content with any publications from the presbytery, if applicable.
- ☐ Make your publications available at presbytery meetings through print or online presbytery packets. Post communications from the POINT representative or POINT team on a presbytery Web site. E-mail your publications through the database you created from your church contacts.
- ☐ Post documents from the POINT Ministry Guide on a Web site or email the PDF files to congregations or individuals interested in a particular resource or topic. These documents or tools were created for your use with permission to copy or distribute.
- ☐ Plan and host, with the assistance of colleagues and connections in your area, one or two yearly Christian education events. This can be as simple as lunchtime conversations or a larger gathering before or after another meeting. Consider late fall or early spring as good times to touch base and offer support. The POINT representative facilitates these events with the assistance and support of others as needed.
- ☐ Host one or two Christian education coffees, breakfasts, or lunches at host churches within your different geographical regions. Sample topics to consider: planning the church year, what is new in educational ministries, or how to evaluate curriculum resources.
- ☐ Offer face-to-face consultations with a specific church that needs your services. Ask them to pay your mileage and for any copies or expenses.
- ☐ Other suggestions?