

**ITEM C.206**  
**FOR INFORMATION**

**INTRODUCTION TO THE THEOLOGY, FORMATION AND  
EVANGELISM MINISTRY AREA**

In late June, the new ministry area Theology, Formation, and Evangelism was instituted from most of the programs and staff from Theology, Worship, and Education and Evangelism and Church Growth. This structure had largely been in place since November 2014; the announcement made the existing structure permanent. No jobs were eliminated.

The coming together of these two ministry areas allows for programs and staffs which support leadership development, Christian formation/discipleship, the formation and reformation of worshiping communities, evangelism, and theological rigor to learn from and partner with each other.

Chip Hardwick is the director overseeing the new ministry area. Simone Adams-Andrade has been promoted from her prior position in Racial Ethnic and Women's Ministries to become Coordinator of Budget and Mission Effectiveness. Stony Point Center continues to report directly to the director's office.

Ray Jones has been promoted to serve as associate director for evangelism, which encompasses collegiate, young adult, and youth ministries; evangelism; 1001 new worshiping communities; and church growth and transformation (including New Beginnings). Vera White has been promoted to coordinator for 1001 new worshiping communities, and Jason Santos has been promoted to coordinator of collegiate, young adult, and youth ministries.

Charles Wiley continues to serve as associate director for theology, which encompasses theology and worship, theological education, and congregational ministries publishing. Mark Hinds has been promoted to serve as interim publisher for congregational ministries publishing.

The mission program grant office and its two staff members have moved to Racial Ethnic and Women's ministries from the former Evangelism and Church Growth area. The two staff translators have moved to Communications from Theology, Worship, and Education.

Please pray that this new ministry area will flourish and serve the church even more faithfully and effectively than the two areas have done separately in the past.