

Local Church Ministries Team Annual Report 2021

Your Local Church Ministries Team has been working diligently and faithfully to empower and encourage churches and their leaders to be healthy, have purpose, and to discern their mission and vision. While the mechanics of being church in 2021 posed unique challenges, ISC churches have adapted in positive ways we could not have anticipated.



I will satisfy the weary, and all who are faint I will replenish. Jeremiah 31:25

The LCM Team has been guided by direct feedback from churches, obtained from team members' local church experiences, but also from Day of Discipleship evaluations that identified future opportunities to support local congregations and pastors.

With the help of our host, Mercy Center, we were able to safely hold an in-person Pastor's Retreat in May 2021, with over 20 pastors participating. Thank you to ISC churches who encouraged their pastors to take this time away for restoration and re-engagement, and to churches that prepared thoughtful tokens of appreciation for our pastors.

We have started brainstorming for our 2022 Pastor's Retreat, as well as future retreats for Confirmants, Junior High, and High School students. Planning is complete for four workshops to be held via Zoom prior to the October 2021 Annual Meeting. Two of the workshops on October 13 are designed to address clergy concerns, and two on October 14 address concerns of all church leaders and members.

We thank Rev. Shana Johnson for her work with this team, and thank all who faithfully serve on the Local Church Ministries Team.

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