

CENTRAL NEW YORK BAPTIST ASSOCIATION STRATEGY

The Combined Strategies of the

**CNYBA Church Strengthening Team
CNYBA Cooperative Ministry Team
CNYBA Church Planting Team**

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Church Strengthening Team

Area #CS1 - Enrichment/Inspiration/Awareness

The Church Strengthening Team will endeavor to develop, sponsor, and or promote events, seminars, and/or conferences (either association wide or regionally) such as:

- ◆ Mission Fairs and/or Banquets
- ◆ Discipleship Fairs
- ◆ Marriage Enrichment Events
- ◆ Prayer Retreats
- ◆ Mission Education Events
- ◆ On Mission Celebrations
- ◆ Other Events, Seminars, and/or Conferences suggested by the churches

Area #CS2 – Training

The Church Strengthening Team will endeavor to develop, sponsor, and or promote events, seminars, and/or conferences (either association wide or regionally) such as:

- ◆ The Development of Strategy for Effectively Reaching Preschoolers
- ◆ The Development of Strategy for Effectively Reaching Children
- ◆ The Development of Strategy for Effectively Reaching Youth
- ◆ The Development of Strategy for Effectively Reaching Adults
- ◆ Teaching Methods and Techniques for Teaching Preschoolers
- ◆ Teaching Methods and Techniques for Teaching Children
- ◆ Teaching Methods and Techniques for Teaching Youth
- ◆ Teaching Methods and Techniques for Teaching Adults
- ◆ How to Develop Effective Small Groups
- ◆ Evangelism Training
- ◆ Sunday School Training
- ◆ Dealing with Church Finances
- ◆ Dealing with Personal Finances
- ◆ How to Develop Effective Missions Education in Churches
- ◆ Legal Issues for Churches
- ◆ Other Events, Seminars, and/or Conferences suggested by the churches and/or the DOM

Area #CS3 – Fellowship

The Church Strengthening Team will endeavor to develop, sponsor, and or promote fellowship events (either association wide or regionally) such as:

- ◆ Pastors & Wives' Retreats
- ◆ Fellowship Picnics
- ◆ Singspirations
- ◆ Discussion Groups
- ◆ Other Events suggested by the churches

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Additional Comments

The Church Strengthening Team will encourage participation in events, seminars, and/or conferences designed to help strengthen CNYBA churches and missions by:

- ◆ Scheduling said events, seminars, and/or conferences at a time when bi-vocational pastors and working laity can attend.
- ◆ Utilizing scheduled meetings (such as The Annual & Mid-year Meetings, Executive Board Meetings, etc) to minimize travel and additional calendar dates.
- ◆ Recommending that we do as many events, seminars, and/or conferences as possible in Cluster Groups (regions) – i.e. Syracuse, Utica-Rome, East, and Southern Tier.
- ◆ Conducting cluster group listening sessions where pastors and key lay leaders are given opportunity to express their opinion about what is needed to help strengthen the churches.
- ◆ Using church surveys to attempt to get a better idea of the needs of the churches.
- ◆ Enlisting and encouraging pastors and laity to attend events scheduled in the churches of their cluster group – whether sponsored by the Church Strengthening Team or the local church.

Promotion of the Above

The Church Strengthening Team will seek to promote events, seminars, and/or conferences designed to help strengthen CNYBA churches and missions by:

- ◆ Utilizing the *HART BEAT* newsletter
- ◆ Personal phone calls
- ◆ Announcements at all Fellowship Events
- ◆ Utilizing the Web site – www.cnyba.org
- ◆ Recognition presentations as appropriate
- ◆ Periodic letters – snail and/or email

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Cooperative Ministry Team

Area #CM1 – Mission Trips

The Cooperative Ministry Team will endeavor to lead Central New York Baptist Association to become an Acts 1:8 association over the next few years by sponsoring and planning mission trips in our own association (Jerusalem), in our state (Judea), outside our state (Samaria), and to international mission fields (uttermost parts of the earth).

Area #CM2 – Women’s Ministry

The Cooperative Ministry Team will encourage the women of our churches and missions to participate cooperatively in events such as:

- ◆ Prayer walks
- ◆ M.O.P.S. (mothers of preschoolers) support group
- ◆ Moms In Touch (prayer group)
- ◆ Back Yard Bible Clubs
- ◆ Children’s Clubs
- ◆ Other women’s events suggested by the churches

Area #CM3 – Campus Ministry

The Cooperative Ministry Team will endeavor to encourage our churches and missions to reach college students by:

- ◆ Supporting the current campus ministry at Syracuse University by encouraging CNYBA to continue to include programming money in the associational budget
- ◆ Encouraging our churches and missions to consider establishing an outreach on nearby campuses

Area #CM4 – Ministry Centers

The Cooperative Ministry Team will endeavor to encourage our churches to be involved in ministry based evangelism by:

- ◆ Being supportive of the Carroll Street Ministry Center in Binghamton by encouraging nearby churches and missions to be as active as possible in helping with the ministries there
- ◆ Encouraging churches and missions to cluster together to do ministries such as:
 - After school programs
 - Clothing ministries
 - Food ministries
 - Senior citizen programs
 - Felt needs seminars
 - Literacy classes
 - English as Second Language classes
 - Singles’ Ministries
 - Mothers’ Day Out programs
- ◆ Affirming (and resourcing to the extent possible) Project Leaders who step forward to lead ministries

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Area #CM5 – Summer Camp/Retreat

The Cooperative Ministry Team will encourage churches and missions to participate in an annual summer camp/retreat for children by:

- ◆ Planning and facilitating an annual summer camp/retreat for children
- ◆ Providing insurance for such camp/retreat

Area #CM6 – Youth Events

The Cooperative Ministry Team will encourage churches and missions to participate together in youth events by:

- ◆ Planning and facilitating Youth Rallies
- ◆ Planning and facilitating Youth Retreats
- ◆ Planning and facilitating Youth Day Trips

Area #CM7 – Prison Ministries

The Cooperative Ministry Team will seek to encourage churches and missions to develop ministries to area jails and prisons

Promotion of the Above

The Cooperative Ministry Team will seek to promote events, and/or projects that help CNYBA churches and missions cooperative together in ministry by:

- ◆ Utilizing the *HART BEAT* and/or *The Echo* newsletters
- ◆ Personal phone calls
- ◆ Reports at association meetings
- ◆ Utilizing the Web site – www.cnyba.org
- ◆ Recognition and promotion of ministries sponsored by churches, missions, or affirmed project leaders
- ◆ Periodic letters – snail mail and/or email
- ◆ Informational booths at regular association meetings
- ◆ Needs assessment with individual churches and missions as requested
- ◆ Training events to introduce and support specific ministries

Additional Comments

The Cooperative Ministry Team will encourage participation in the above events and/or programs by:

- ◆ Provide “how to” training in individual churches and/or missions for ministry events and/or projects as requested
- ◆ Suggest appropriate times and places for said events and /or projects as requested
- ◆ Plan and facilitate such events and/or projects from time to time

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Church Planting Team

Area #CP1 – Raise Awareness Regarding Church Planting

In an effort to raise awareness of the need to plant churches within the CNYBA assigned territory, the CNYBA Church Planting Team will seek to:

- ◆ Develop a communication campaign to promote church planting
- ◆ Formulate an awareness team to take the church planting message to the churches and missions
- ◆ Provide “Week of Prayer” materials during the annual SBC Associational Missions Week
- ◆ Request that testimonials from church planters be included in the program for annual and mid-year sessions of the association, as well as in *The Echo* newsletter
- ◆ Promote attendance at church planting conferences sponsored by NAMB, BCNY, or others
- ◆ Sponsor periodic church planting conferences or rallies in CNYBA
- ◆ Promote the “Double in a Decade” theme adopted by the association
- ◆ Recognize “Double in a Decade” churches who vote to sponsor a new work

Area #CP2 – Undergird and Assist Church Planting Efforts

The CNYBA Church Planting Team will help with church planting by:

- ◆ Doing field preparation such as Probe, surveys, demographic data collection, prayer walks, etc
- ◆ Making annual CNYBA general budget requests for church planting
- ◆ Making annual CNYBA associational offering budget requests for church planting
- ◆ Seeking associations, churches, and/or individuals to enter into church planting partnerships
- ◆ Seeking and orienting potential church planters
- ◆ Providing leadership for Basic Training, Church Planter Networks, etc.
- ◆ Encouraging the use of NAMB assessment resources such as “The Discovery” material and the online tool “ESCAPADES”.

Area #CP3 – Focusing the Church Planting Efforts of the Association

In an attempt to focus the church planting efforts within CNYBA, the Church Planting Team will:

- ◆ Gather data on potential new work locations
- ◆ Develop potential church planting partners
- ◆ Make regular reports to the association
- ◆ Enlist and train sponsoring churches
- ◆ Create a library of church planting material for use by churches and missions

Area #CP4 – Fulfilling the Advisory Role

Acting in an advisory capacity, the CNYBA Church Planting Team will provide the following:

- ◆ Project Advisory Team members for new work endorsed by the association as provided for in the CNYBA Operations Manual, Policies section
- ◆ A Cooperative Agreement model (template) for use, with appropriate modification, in the new work efforts of the association churches and missions
- ◆ Assistance with approved church planting funding requests from NAMB, BCNY, and/or other sources