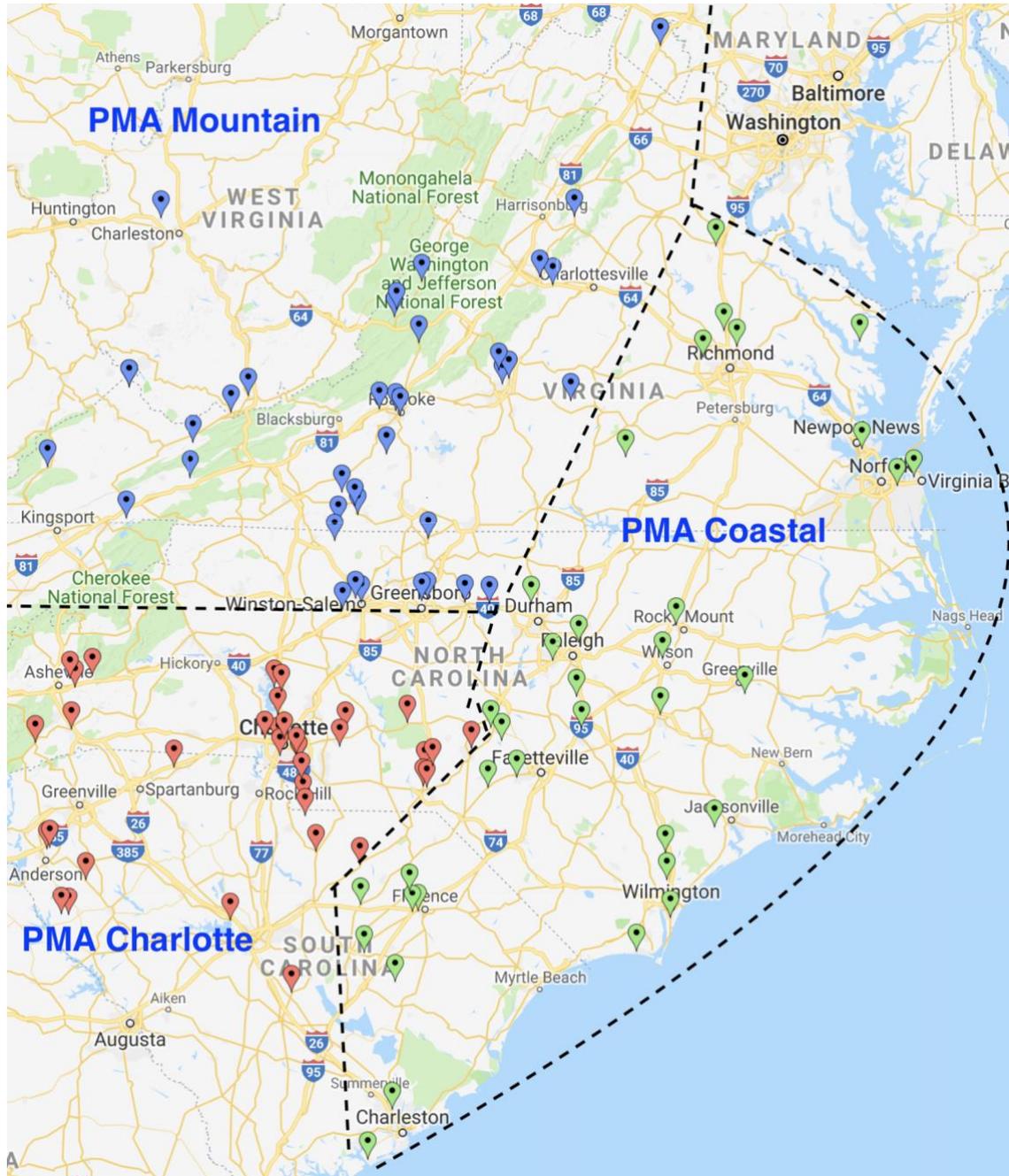


Presbytery Multiplication Study Team Motion

The Presbytery Multiplication Study Team moves:

That the Mid-Atlantic Presbytery multiply into three mission regions represented on the accompanying map.



Please note that the current motion is to multiply the Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic into three *mission regions* at this time; not to create new presbyteries. While the intent is to eventually form each of these regions into individual mission presbyteries, at present we are simply creating the regions to begin the process of forming the new presbyteries.

Presbytery Multiplication Study Team Rationale

To that end, each of the mission regions will begin to form the necessary teams, e.g. Ministerial Committee, Church Development Committee, Stewardship/Finance Committee, Resource Committee. Each of these existing PMA teams will be expanded to include representatives from each of the regions to assure that as each region is prepared to become a presbytery, the necessary teams will be in place.

How will we know when a mission region is ready to become a presbytery?

The study team is recommending that prior to becoming a separate presbytery the region needs to have developed the financial capacity to sustain appropriate staffing and leadership for the required committees.

PMA Central

To facilitate the development of the three mission regions prior to their becoming regionalized presbyteries we are recommending the creation of an administrative leadership team we have chosen to call "PMA Central." *It is imperative we understand that PMA Central is not a geographic region; it is the staff personnel, Moderators and committee chairs from each region that will guide the development of those regions into full presbyteries.* The creation of these presbyteries into fully-functioning units will require diligence and attention to processes that cannot be fulfilled without appropriate staffing.

It is also critical to our understanding that in this configuration there is no "parent" presbytery in this model. All three regions will be designated as Mission Presbyteries with PMA Central overseeing and coordinating their development.

Structure of PMA Central

Staff

PMAC will include the current staff of our Mid-Atlantic presbytery:
Dr. Bucky Hunsicker as Transitional Administrative Director
Dr. Ron Horgan as Stated Clerk, and trainer of Stated Clerks for the regions
Dr. Ken Priddy, Director of the G.O. Center

Committees/Teams

At present the current ministry teams/committees will be expanded to assure that each of the mission presbyteries has sufficient fully-trained members when regionalization occurs. This means Ministerial Committee, CDC and Stewardship, in particular, will be expanded to include appropriate representation from each of the regions. Each of the regions will identify Moderators-elect of those committees from the beginning of the process.

Council

Each of the regions will elect a Moderator, Moderator-elect and a Stated Clerk. The Executive Council for PMA Central will include the Stated Clerks, Moderators and Moderators-elect of each region, and the Moderators-elect of each of the committees with PMA Central Staff coordinating.

Finances

In the transition period we will operate with a completely unified budget. The Stewardship Team of PMA Central will track the giving by region and be responsible for the paying of all obligations for all of the regions. Each of the regions will contribute from their receipts to fund PMA Central.