Purpose Statement:
Our mission is to exalt Jesus Christ by helping churches cooperate by becoming effective in proclamation, missions, evangelism and discipleship to reach our world.

Matthew 28:19-20 and Acts 1:8

Vision Statement:
We envision by 2015 Houston Baptist Association churches working together to reach the Lost!

Goals and Action Plans

Priority No. 1  Praying together for salvation of lost souls!

Goal No. 1—Encourage churches to pray in one accord.  Accomplish by May 2013

  Action Plan:
  a. Ask God how to pray His will.
  b. Pray the Word.
  c. Acknowledge it is not His will that any should perish.

Goal No. 2—Corporate prayer.  Accomplish by May 2013

  Action Plan:
  a. Associational assemblies of prayer
  b. Encourage prayer groups within churches
  c. Incorporate prayer chains
  d. Week of Prayer emphases (Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong, Association, etc.)
  e. Use prayer calendars (mission emphasis weeks, etc.)

Goal No. 3—Community Prayer  Accomplish by May 2013

  Action Plan:
  Prayer walking our communities.
**Priority No. 2**  
Equipping for evangelism together! This is a priority for Houston Baptist Association because the lost need Christ!

**Goal No. 1**—Emphasize urgency for reaching the lost.  
**Accomplish by January 2013**

**Action Plan:**

a. Encourage churches to utilize media resources such as Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong, State Missions, and Cooperative Program dvds in worship services.

b. Encourage every church to review demographics for their community.

c. Churches that have been successful in outreach to mentor other churches.

d. Promote scriptural urgency in churches.

e. Encourage churches to conduct community surveys.

f. Encourage members of churches to list people they know who are lost for prayer and visitation.

**Goal No. 2**—Identify areas where we can work together.

**Action Plans:**

a. Assess community needs.

b. Churches assisting other churches.

c. New church start.

**Goal No. 3**—Provide evangelism training.  
**Accomplish by Spring 2013**

**Action Plan:**

a. Provide associational evangelism training seminars.

b. Assist churches by request for in-house training.

c. Provide information for how to receive materials for evangelism training in churches.

**Priority No. 3**  
Developing and resourcing leaders together is a priority for Houston Baptist Association because leaders need to be equipped to reach the lost, make disciples, and to teach God’s word.

**Goal No. 1**—Define vision for working together to accomplish the Great Commission.

**Action Plan:**

Communicate through newsletter, website, letters to pastors the vision and to use examples of how God used people when they worked together.

**Goal No. 2**—Provide leadership training for working together.  
**Accomplish by Spring 2013**

**Action Plan:**

a. Sunday School workshops

b. Vacation Bible School training

c. Establish a leadership academy for church leaders. (Time management and other type leader training.)

d. Provide leadership training for pastors during monthly meetings.

e. Respond to church requests for training using associational or Georgia Baptist Convention representatives.
Goal No. 3—Provide opportunities to work together. Accomplish by Fall 2013

Action Plan:
  a. Encourage churches to be involved in local mission opportunities (Faith in Action, etc.)
  b. Encourage churches to be involved in missions and evangelism events.

Goal No. 4—Develop ministry Accomplish by Fall 2013

Action Plan:
  a. Address moral, social, and family issues biblically and provide training for these issues.
  b. Provide resources for these issues.
  c. Provide joint training in association for issues like parenting, marriage, and family.

Goal No. 5—Identify existing resources within churches.

Action Plan:
  a. Pass information on to HBA churches.
  b. Develop resource lists.
  c. Share presentation of on-going ministries within churches to provide encouragement for other churches.

Priority No. 4 Doing missions together is a priority because we can do more together for the Kingdom than alone. (Eccl. 4:9 and Matthew 28:19-20)

Goal No. 1—Four Faith in Action weekends annually.

Action Plan:
2013  1 in Crisp and Worth Counties
      1 in Dooly County
2014  1 in Crisp/Worth Counties
      1 in Dooly County
      1 in whole association
2015  2 in Crisp and Worth Counties
      2 in Dooly County

Goal No. 2—Two state mission trips annually.

Action Plan:
2013  Spring trip to Clarkston, GA
2014  Spring trip to Clarkston. Fall trip to inner city (prayer walking)
2015  Repeat Year 2014 in different locations (to be determined)
Goal No. 3—Two North American mission trips and increase church participation.

**Action Plan:**
2013 West Virginia trip and increase participation to 15 churches.
2014 West Virginia trip and increase participation to 20 churches.
2015 Add California partnership or other area God may lead us in.

Goal No. 4—Three annual international mission trips.

**Action Plan:**
2013 Continue trip to Moldolva
Bolivia summer youth camp
2014 Add third trip to another country
2015 Consider additional partnerships

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