

## **Crafting a short narrative of District Board Committees**

The Resource Development Committee feels these short narratives are needed to show the congregations of the district what the work of the District Board is. These narratives will be useful: in continuing our work when the District Executive (DE) retires, as we start a search for a new DE, to help any intern DE.

How will these narratives be used? Committee narratives can be posted on the district website, written or verbally used to talk about the District Board to congregations, verbally recorded by committee chairs for District Conference, to invite new board members to the committee, and help invite people to committee subcommittees.

Let's start by answering a few questions. The answers to these questions will be similar. If you need a place to start; look how your committee is described on the district website. Know that this narrative will change as new projects, events, and/or scope change of committee.

**What does your committee do?**

**Why is your committee important?**

**What is unique about your committee?**

**What do you want congregations to know about your committee?**

**What event or activity is your committee hosting or sponsoring currently or in the near future?**

Once the questions are answered. Use the answers to put together in 3 sentences or less narrative. Crafting these sentences may take some time. I have found that depending on the people involved either the questions are hard to answer or the final sentences are harder to craft. Know if what you're doing is hard; the other part will be easier.

## **Another tool to help with your narrative**

### **NonProfit Mad Libs**

My nonprofit (name of nonprofit) \_\_\_\_\_ is

(defined offering) \_\_\_\_\_ to help

(a defined audience) \_\_\_\_\_ in

(geographic area) \_\_\_\_\_

(solve a problem) \_\_\_\_\_ by

(nonprofit uniqueness) \_\_\_\_\_.

Example:

My nonprofit, Love the Elephants, is creating an educational program to help local village children in Kenya protect elephants from poachers by becoming ambassadors of their rich environment through scholarship, conservation education, and internship.

Draft of RDC narrative:

The Resource Development Committee seeks support for the mission and ministries of the Southern Ohio Kentucky District through relationship-building communication between the district, congregations and individuals, and offers financial support from the District to congregational outreach and individual ministry education.