Timeline of the Strategic Direction Process

**November, 2011**- A survey was sent out via the net mail system to friends of Global Ministries to respond to the question, “What is the mission of Global Ministries”. There were over 272 respondents.

**February** – The Long Range Planning Committee met with Rev. Bill Edwards, our partner in the planning process to design a process to engage the board in the discernment process of creating a new strategic plan. Also, the committee reviewed the evaluation of the survey and resulting questions for a new mission statement.

**April** – At the April Board meeting, the CGMB Board provided feedback to the general questions. These initial questions were then posed to international partners, regions, conferences, and congregations.

1. How would you assess the ways that Global Ministries contributes positively to your work and witness, and what would you like to see continue in our relationship?
2. What aspects of Global Ministries’ witness do you think could be discontinued?
3. What new ways of mutual mission and witness would you like to see realized in the coming years in our relationship together?

**May** - During the Extended Staff Meeting, CGMB staff integrated the board feedback, constituency feedback and staff feedback into four categories: vision, mission, core values and strategic directions.

**June** - Long Range Planning Committee meets and reviewed these four categories and narrowed them down to their essence and then sent the rough draft to communication professionals for language refinement.

**July** – Long Range Planning Committee received the revised language on the four categories, provided additional tweaks and then shared it with communities of interest (conferences and regions, MMIs, international partners and missionaries) asking them to read the document and reflect on these questions.

1. Does this document reflect your understanding of—and hope for—Global Ministries’ participation in God’s mission?
2. Please explain how the document does or does not accomplish this
3. Are there areas you feel should be enhanced? If so, how?

**September** – Long Range Planning Committee reviewed all of the feedback from the various communities of interest and made additional changes to the document.

**November** – Long Range Planning Committee will present the proposed strategic plan.