

Achieve-Preserve-Avoid
a group vision-casting exercise

Question 1:

It is five years from now; I am a visitor to your classis. Describe for me what you see when you think about what that classis will be like.

- How many churches are there? How many new churches are there?
- Where are they located? How large are they? Who attends them?
- What plans are there to plant and parent new churches?
- What diaconal resources are being used?
- What ministries are being offered by established churches to the community?
- What kind of youth ministry is going on?
- What describes the worship and discipleship of the churches?
- What kinds of leadership training are available?
- What are classis meetings like? Who attends? What is on the agenda?
- What is it like to serve on a committee or team of classis?
- What role does prayer play in classis life?

Question 2:

In order to make this picture a reality:

- What must be preserved?
- What must be avoided?
- What needs to be achieved?

– Or –

If you knew that we could not fail, what would you wish God to allow us to do for Him?

– Or –

What can we do to make the most significant difference for God in the next 5 years of our classis?

Question 3:

Looking at the answers to the previous questions:

- if we could accomplish only 3 measurable priorities in the next year that would make a 50% difference over the next 5 years, which 3 would you want to accomplish?
- What 3 land-mines or road blocks need our immediate attention?(think beliefs, behaviors, structures)
- What one thing most seriously keeps us from achieving the dream?