

September 19, 2019

Status of Active Visioning Committee Initiatives

Natural Church Development Survey – A lengthy discussion ensued concerning the results of the survey. A total of 24 of the 30 surveys distributed were returned. The demographics of those surveys not returned are not known. Rich pointed out two areas where we could focus our attention: Passionate Spirituality and Holistic Small Groups. Jay pointed out that all our scores were between the 35 and 60 benchmarks and our church fell into the group where 70% of the churches fall. The group felt our church is healthy, but still could do better in some areas. Rich pointed out that good ideas for improving the 8 Quality Characteristics are becoming hard to come up with. He provided three specific resources that might help: Profile Plus, Coaching and Online resources provided by NCD America. Of the three, the group felt that the Profile Plus option would be the resource to start with as it will provide us with the answers to the specific questions on the survey, and it might give us a better idea on where to focus our attention. The cost is \$85 and the committee will request funding from the Ad Council.

Bring a Kid to Church Month & Kid's Club – Bring a Kid to Church month is October now. The books, *Jesus Wants All of Me* by Phil A. Smouse, have arrived. Promoting the theme Bring a Kid to Church Month will be handled as follows: Jan Rue will prepare a promotion directed to adults for the back of the Prayer Wall to go into the bulletins. She will also prepare posters. Jay and Rich will focus on developing a Golden Ticket to be mailed no later than October 2nd to the kids encouraging them to bring a friend to church. Jay will provide the committee with the Kids address file for mailing of the Golden Tickets and for mailing invitations and permission forms to and for Kid's Club. Jan felt very frustrated with last year's Kid's Club attendance. She indicated she could move Kid's Club back to Wednesdays and maybe that would help with attendance. She said she has enough teaching materials. Kid's club will start October 9, 23, and 30. Plans are for Kid's Club to run through December and if Jan feels there are enough kids with enough interest, then she would be willing to continue in 2020.

Assimilating New Members – Same message as last month.

New Business / Special meetings – Lucy and Jay met and reviewed the content of the 2019 Annual Conference and came up with several ideas for group sessions, including: The 2020 General Conference/Lydia Scarves; The Way Forward; Evangelism for non-evangelists (2 sessions); UMC seeks to eliminate Racism; Assimilating New Members/Community Outreach and Witness. The target date for the first meeting was suggested as Sunday, November 10th following the All Church Pot Luck. Lucy and Jay felt the 2020 Conference/Lydia Scarves would be the best session to start with. An article for *The Fish* was presented for review providing Visioning Committee initiatives and an invitation to become involved with the committee.

Next Meeting Date & Time – Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 7:05 PM.

Calendar of Visioning Committee Event

September •		March •	
October •	Bring a Kid to Church Month	April •	
November •	Pot Luck on the 10 th Followed by a program from MN Annual Conference	May •	Pot Luck (Date to be set)
December •		June •	
January •		July •	
February •	Pot Luck on the 9 th	August •	Multi-church Pot Luck on the 11 th