

November 14, 2019

Status of Active Visioning Committee Initiatives

Natural Church Development Survey – We received the *NCD Profile Plus* of the results of the questions on the survey taken by our members. However, we were not really prepared to cover each question with the kind of analysis needed to decide if there is something we can improve on as a result of that question, or series of questions. We did rule out a need to focus on holistic small groups because of the size of our church (almost everyone knows everyone or could know something about everyone already), the groups we already have in place (Pasty group, Sunday morning Bible study group, coffee group, UMW to name a few), and the fact that churches ranging in size of 250-400 members are the churches that need holistic small groups to maintain and continue to grow. We got side tracked with discussion about the change in *when* and *how* the "Hanging of the Greens" would be handled this year and in future years.

Jo Campe was an added member to the committee and he was an inspiration in our discussions. Bottom line, what we didn't do and need to do in our next meeting is to outline the questions we need to discuss and focus on, decide when we will discuss those questions (what meetings), and prepare our thoughts for those specific questions for the meetings in which they are to be discussed. I didn't feel that reviewing each question without previously studying or preparing to discuss them ahead of time led to any meaningful results. If we, as a committee, are looking to find ways to improve from the results of these questions, then we need to give time to the questions that we think might lead us to ways of improvements. So in conclusion, in addition to any old business, I would think for our next meeting we should decide what questions we need to look at in more detail, outline when we would discuss those questions (what future meetings), and prepare ahead of time to give our thoughts on the answers to those questions and whether there is anything we could and should do as a result of our discussions. This might take several months to complete properly.

Assimilating New Members – Same message as last month.

New Business / Special meetings – Lucy and Jay held the first of several small group meeting covering the 2020 General Conference/the 2020 Annual Conference, the Lydia Scarves and the Way Forward on November 10, 11 and 12th. Future meetings will cover Evangelism for non-evangelists (maybe 2 sessions); UMC seeks to eliminate Racism; Assimilating New Members/Community Outreach and Witness Programs. Meeting dates to be announced.

Next Meeting Date & Time – Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 7:05 PM.

Calendar of Visioning Committee Event

December •
January •
February • Pot Luck (Date to be set)
March •
April •
May • Pot Luck (Date to be set)

June •
July •
August • Multi-church Pot Luck
September •
October • Bring a Kid to Church Month
November • Pot Luck (Date to be set)