

Status of Active Visioning Committee Initiatives

Kids Club: Kid's Club is in neutral mode, meaning it's not being presently held. While Jan, Sharon, Devon and Pastor Craig are more than willing to continue, family commitments and the lack of kids participating do to various scheduling conflicts with other activities led to the decision to hold off until fall, when we will re-evaluate the situation.

Sharing Experiences with God: Discussion focused on the assigned question from the *Natural Church Development Survey* with regards to congregation members sharing their Jesus/God story. It was pointed out that the Small Group Sessions #2 & #3 on Evangelism was well attended and helped participants understand that the traditional view of evangelism is no longer the proper way to do evangelism. The focus was learning what salvation meant to each participant and what style of evangelism each person was already performing providing confidence in sharing their story. Keith Rue shared several ideas how to initiate and encourage others to share a "Spiritual Moment": having one or more members share a spiritual moment during each of our morning church services; setting up a board where people can post spiritual moments; using cloud cut outs to post spiritual moments on the wall like the Vine and Branches, presenting them in both verbally and visually; printing a spiritual moment in the Sunday morning Bulletin and in the *FISH*; and including an inspirational poem or thought from a book. Pastor Craig, Keith and Sheri will study how to incorporate this new way of sharing spiritual moments, sharing their thoughts with the Worship Committee and the Visioning Committee.

Natural Church Development Survey – It was pointed out that by focusing on just one of the 10 weakest questions, the committee was inspired with new ideas that would not have come from simply studying an entire weak or low category. Rich will selection a second question from the 10 weakest and have that ready to present to us at the next meeting to study for the following meeting.

Racial Reconciling Covenant – Jay presented the Racial Reconciling Covenant form presented at the Annual Conference to the committee members to study for the next meeting. The Covenant is part of the Racial Reconciliation Movement as part of the Minnesota UMC Commission on Religion and Race (UMCOR). Presented to the participants of the Small Group Session #4 on Racism, the participants felt if our church is to commit to this Covenant and sign the form, the entire congregation should be aware of what this entails. This is a longer study and Pastor Craig will be attending a conference on this topic in April to add further information about what this entails. Jay will contact Shawn, the director of UMCOR, to learn more about the commitment to present to the committee.

Calendar – May Pot Luck was decided to be on the third Sunday, May 17th in conjunction with Acolyte training led by Dan Johnson. The committee also felt we should plan a study sometime in the fall. Linda volunteered to bring one idea to the next meeting and any other ideas are welcome. Discussion on whether to hold our Sunday morning church service or ask the congregation to attend the service prior to the Multi-Church Pot Luck in August was brought up. The Ad Council, Worship Committee and the Visioning Committee will jointly decide. Pastor Craig will be out of town that Sunday.

Next Meeting Date & Time – Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 7:05 PM.

Calendar of Visioning Committee Event

March	•	September	•
April	•	October	• Bring a Kid to Church Month
May	• Pot Luck – May 17th	November	• Pot Luck (Date to be set)
June	•	December	•
July	•	January	•
August	• Multi-church Pot Luck	February	• Pot Luck (Date to be set)