

Status of Active Visioning Committee Initiatives

Sharing Spiritual Moments: Due to the COVID-19 stay-at-home restrictions, Pastor Craig, Sheri and Keith Rue were not able to meet on March 23rd to outline specific steps to proceed with encouraging congregation members to share personal spiritual moments. Being so early in the COVID-19 Pandemic, virtual meetings by Zoom had not yet been explored as an option. As a result, this topic was tabled until after Craig, Sheri and Keith rescheduled their meeting and could present an implementation plan regarding the ideas presented in our March meeting and possible new thoughts.

Fall Study Program: Linda is expecting to receive some materials from her brother to share with the committee members on the *I'll Push You* study program. Keith offered a suggestion to use a program on U-Tube TV as a study guide called *The Chosen*, which is about the life of Jesus. There are 8 episodes and the book is available for \$7.99 at *Barnes & Noble* or other outlets. He also said there is a good synopsis of the program on the website *breadforbeggars.com* which we could each review. Joe pointed out that *Cokesbury.com*, the *Christian Bookstore & Supplies*, offers numerous study programs that we could investigate. Pastor Craig volunteered to look into other possible study programs offered through Cokesbury and report back. Joe also pointed out that our study group could be done virtually through Zoom. We could run a *U-Tube* episode, or part of an episode, during our Zoom study group and follow it up with discussion. A quick trial of this idea at the end of our meeting using an episode of *The Chosen* was successful.

Natural Church Development Survey – “How to make it easy for congregants to tell other Christians about their feelings.” Once we realized that the question is not about the word ‘feelings’ or whether it should have read *beliefs*, or *life*, or some other word, we understood that the focus of the question should be on ‘how to make it easy’. Keith summarized our discussion suggesting 3 ways: set an example by our actions with others; use our listening skills when engaging with others; and try to understand how we make others feel when we are with them.

Racial Reconciling Covenant – Not on the agenda for this meeting, but Pastor Craig reminded us about our focus on this topic and that we shouldn’t forget about it especially in the light of the state and nation unrest concerning the continued prevalence of racism within our society.

Calendar – We did not add anything new to our Calendar due to the uncertainty of further COVID-19 restrictions. We did briefly discuss the future of returning to our church for worship services and meetings and felt that the Worship committee should develop that plan in accordance with the Bishop’s recommendations and present that plan to the Ad Council to approve for implementation.

Next Meeting Date & Time – Thursday, July 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM.

Calendar of Visioning Committee Events

July	•	January	•
August	•	February	• Pot Luck (Date to be set)
September	•	March	•
October	•	April	•
November	•	May	• Pot Luck (Date to be set)
December	•	June	•