

Minutes New Church Development Team  
March 28, 2009  
Highland Avenue Church of the Brethren

Present: Paul Kohler, Dawn Blackman, Jack Flores, Lois Snyder, Kay Weller, Lynda deVore

Absent: Vernon Showalter

Guest: Audrey deCoursey

The meeting began with reflections from the group. It was great having Audrey with us and shared our desire to excite the younger members of our denomination in new church planting.

The minutes from the February teleconference were approved. All agreed that the teleconference was very successful and that the April meeting will be conducted via telephone.

Dawn will be attending the Leadership Team meeting at Woodland on April 18.

Paul and Lynda are encouraging the identification of individuals in the district with skills in accounting, personnel, and hospitality to assist the NCDT in the future. It is our belief that church planting will become more and more embraced by the Illinois-Wisconsin District churches and members. Great things are happening and more is expected.

Each member of the team will be contacting several assigned congregations and leaders within those congregations to secure further support for new church planting.

Lynda presented her apostle report and planter updates. This report will be posted on line at the NCDT website. We are very excited about the Hawaiian Evangelism Initiative that the Sarpiyas and Herman Ware will be conducting in Rockford and the Chicago West projects Expenses for the planters have been deducted from their start-up fund.

We are disappointed that Benjamin continues to have problems obtaining his VISA to join his family in this country and begin his ministry in Wisconsin.

Lynda will return to advertising in the Messenger for church planters. Also, she will be posting on the web.

The meeting adjourned after a delicious late lunch.

Kay Weller, Secretary