

New Church Development Team Meeting
June 20, 2009

Present: Paul Kohler, Jack Flores, Vernon Showalter, Kay Weller, and
Apostle Lynda DeVore

Absent: Lois Snyder, Dawn Blackman

The June 20 meeting was a teleconference beginning at 9:00 and ending
around 11:00 a.m.

Jack Flores read an Amish devotional prayer focusing on planters,
shepherds and teachers written from an Anabaptist prospective.

The minutes for the May team meeting were approved.

Vernon gave his treasurer's report and it was approved. The team needs a
backup treasurer to fill in for Vernon if the need should arrive. Dennis
Metzger of the Gifts Discernment Team has been contacted.

Lynda's Activity Report

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Advertising

We are not currently advertising for church planters.

Web Sites

*The June issue of Harvest Happenings has been posted on the Web site however I have
not yet sent the minutes from our last meet to Eric. I have been waiting for the electronic
version of the financial report to become available before I send it in. I would also like
confirmation from this group of approval of the minute changes I made and sent over to
Kay (after she added the portion from the combined LT/NCDT meeting).*

NCD Committee

*I attend an NCD conference call on June 15th. Discussion again centered on details of
the 2010 conference and the plans for the meeting with the folks from Praxis Center in
August and who should be invited to participate in the meeting. Other topics included
others to invite to participate in the work of the NCD Committee and the need for
addressing necessary polity changes, credentialing, and calling church planters. All*

members of the committee will be present at Annual Conference and will hold a breakfast meeting on Saturday during the conference.

Planter up Dates

***Rockford** –I met with Samuel on June 5th and on June 14th. Samuel continues to make good progress in developing relationship's in the community. We visited Canton Church of the Brethren together on the 14th where Samuel was given the opportunity to share his vision for the work in Rockford following a potluck dinner after worship. He was well received and I believe that God will open individual hearts of folks in that congregation to partner with him in his work.*

In our meeting on June 5th, Samuel shared a timeline with me for his work. After prayerful consideration, I encouraged Samuel to extend his timeline by at least two months to focus fully on support raising for the ministry. We have been working together to finalize a letter that he will send to the list Paul provided, which he will follow-up on with phone calls seeking meetings.

***West side Chicago**-I met with Pastor Ware on May 31st when we traveled together to Virden. Pastor Ware was well received by the congregation there and returned with several donations to the ministry. We have received another since the visit.*

Herman has chosen an individual from his group (Robert Jones) to participate in the steering committee. An email has circulated seeking to identify dates for the meeting to occur and I believe we should have that settled in the next few days.

Follow-up with Potential Planters

The Amankwaa's are still seeking a co-sponsor for Benjamin. I did get clarification of a few points from Dawn concerning the responsibility. Kay Weller has been doing some research.

Inquires

I have not had any further contact with Mt. Morris. I spoke to Ester Frye who is serving on that team and she seemed to think that the group had other priorities to attend to before discussing Church Planting.

The meeting in Racine is still set for July 25th. The Flores's have agreed to attend the meeting as well.

I did have an inquiry from the web site. Julian Wellington went to the on-line assessment and scored in the median range. I spoke with him on the phone and asked him to check out the COB web-site. He is to get back to me if he feels he lines up with our beliefs and practices.

Executive Committee

Nothing to Report.

Church Planting Support Tour

I am planning to be at Chicago First in August. I am looking for new opportunities for July.

Support Committee

The June 13th meeting was the best attended so far. Kevin Kessler, Wilbur Bowman, Ester Frye, Joyce Person, Gil Crosby, Paul Kohler, Dawn Blackman and me. This was the final meeting of the group. We have come away from this time with some good ideas for raising support and a few key leaders with better understanding of our work.

The committee submits to the NCDT the following suggestions.

- 1. With the support of the LT, gather, collate and publish a District Directory with listings of all of the names, addresses, and phone numbers of the individual congregation members. This directory will have many uses throughout the district.*
- 2. Develop a coupon booklet for mail distribution to all IL/WI District members to aid in monthly support raising for individual planters or NCDT.*
- 3. Provide each congregation with Special Offering envelopes to be distributed quarterly in bulletins.*
- 4. Conduct two dinner fundraising events in the District to raise awareness of the work of each planter and for their missions. One to be held in the Southwest portion of the District and one in the Northeast.*

Other

I have recruited my two coachees and have had my first coaching appointments with them as a part of my coach training. I also have had my June follow-up appointment with my coach training mentor.

I had email contact with Bob Logan, followed by a phone conversation, concerning my request that he serve as my coach/mentor. I shared with him the following outcomes I would seek from our time together: 1) to further developing the relationship between Leadership Team and New Church Development Team. 2) To successfully maneuver

through the polity changes that need to happen in order to allow for new churches to be planted successfully in our times. Our polity is not current to the way churches are planted in our world today. 3) To foster buy-in from the existing churches and individual members in the District in the mission of church planting so that more funds are available to support our planters. 4) To explore what we have in place currently in terms of systems and where we need to make improvements, changes, or additions.

I attended the Pastor's meeting at York Center on June 9th.

I participated in a conference call with Dawn and Paul to discuss the June 13th meeting.

Things I want to talk about.

Follow-up on the Fundraising Training we completed with Gary Broussard.

Financial Systems

Coaching agreement with Bob Logan

The team plans to send letters by July 12 to all of the congregations. These letters will include bulletin inserts regarding New Church Development. They are to be placed in the July 19th bulletins along with envelopes for donations. An explanatory letter will be sent to each pastor and church board chair to encourage the use of the inserts on District Mission Sunday. Each member of the team is to call their contact churches during the week of July 4-11 as another way of encouraging congregations to support New Church Development.

Lynda informed the team that Bob Logan had offered to coach her for one year as a New Church Planter Coach. The cost would be \$3,000. The team discussed the merits related to the costs for this opportunity. The vote was 3 Yes, 1 No to hire Bob Logan as a coach for Lynda.

Plans for hosting two church planter dinners in the District were discussed. The theme will be CAPTURE THE VISION and the costs will be paid for by the NCDT. Individuals and groups within congregations who are excited about supporting our new church plants will be invited. One will be planned for the north and one in the south this fall. Kay is to contact Virden requesting the use of their fellowship hall and perhaps having the youth serve the meal. The meal will be either catered or prepared by the church depending on conversations with the committees within the church. **Lynda**

agreed to contact New Beginnings Fellowship in Batavia to provide the space for the second dinner.

The next NCDT meeting will be held in Decatur on Saturday, August 1.

Kay Weller, Secretary