

New and Transforming Church Commission

Christian Church DOC Greater KC

Meeting 10-09-18

At Headrush Roasters Briarcliff

Present: Sharon Cantrell, Delesslyn Kennebrew, Tim Mabbott, Carl Starkey, Casey Sigmon, Travis Smith-McKee, Johnny Lewis

Absent: Bill Rose-Heim, Lois Kelley

Opening prayer, Johnny Lewis

Explain Agenda Format

We are operating 3-6 months ahead at all times, always forward thinking as a commission, where we are going and where we are.

Re-Introductions: Why are YOU here?

Delesslyn the world needs the saving love of Jesus Christ, and new and transforming churches are key in that work. Coupled with a call to lead and care for leaders to be the best they can be.

Casey here because church as it has been done is not going to bring future generations to Christ.

Johnny Marry the beautiful, creative energy of new churches with a match to DOC theology of welcome, knowing that all are loved by God, and the DOC has not done new church so well, excited about this branch of who we are and being a part of it.

Carl the church needs a future and I want to be a part of that future, a lay leader who has always wanted to have these conversations, and we are not reaching people, we have turned people off and away...empathy for the de-churched and unchurched. New Song brought him back, still a struggle, haven't seen growth

Sharon came to be a body in the beginning, been in 5 or 6 new church starts, was on the committee before in a previous form, why here? 75 year-old who still believes in welcoming new ways of being and doing the church.

Tim my ache is for all of those folk in our established churches who put a lid on what it means to be Christian (is this all there is?) they are not yet aware of the height and depth and breadth of God's love. Here to help existing churches find life.

Travis asked to be here one year ago because of the approach of a meal service during the week at his church. I am a Disciple. Realizing the richness of this tradition and a rich future for us as well.

Review Strategic Plans:

New Churches | Transforming Churches | Affiliate Churches

- Follow Up – Affiliate Letter
 - Many praises for the clarity and the honesty about who we are as a denomination
- Follow Up - Affiliate Process
 - Should affiliated status be the equivalent of church in formation? Probably not. Because this congregation is likely to already be in formation, but seeking affiliation. If it is a new church in formation seeking affiliation, this goes through some other channel.
 - Where is the task force?
 - Careful language: not a lifestyle choice to be gay
 - Appreciation of the clear phases that exist without specific time restraints
 - Appreciation for the language of theological position toward LGBTQ communities, being up front from the start about who the DOC are

Extended conversation on Mission Insite: NTCC paid for the renewal of membership in February (\$4,104). Are churches aware? Who is using the reports?

Task for NTCC: Travis and Johnny will create reports for our target New and Transforming church areas.

MAP Highlight

- Where do we have churches?
- Areas that have our churches and are experiencing city revitalization?
- Where do we not have churches and see revitalization happening in the city?

Brainstorm Timeline for Implementation

2019 New Church Conferences – Sharon will research and suggest

Brainstorm Application Content – Everyone come with 5 things that need to be on/part of the application. New churches first.

Monthly articles will be sent out by Delesslyn to keep us up to date on new and transforming church.

Network of Progressive Church Planters- join the Facebook group!

Looking Ahead: Suggestion from Johnny to have quarterly conversations via Zoom with successful DOC church planters.

Prayers for Lois, whose brother passed away unexpectedly this week.

Schedule Next Meeting -Messenger Coffee, October 30th 2pm

-Minutes humbly submitted by Casey Sigmon-