

## Church Development Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Minutes for Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 5:30pm

Committee Members present: Chair Dr. Vera Rhimes, Lee Kirkpatrick, Mickey Fenn, Ron Urzua, Sean Chow; Susan Updegrove, excused absent

Dr. Rhimes opened meeting with devotional from Psalms 23: 4-6. Mickey Fenn offered prayer.

Motion to approve agenda , new items, **MSP**

Discussion and agreement to change future CDC meeting to 5:00

### Ministry updates

- **Safe Harbor NCD in Cambria** (No Report)
- **Resurrection Church NWC & Learning Pods in Grover Beach** (Ron reports the NWC continues to conduct the “Learning Pod” tutoring ministry which at first served elementary school children but now also serves their parents. The Learning Pods are meeting a real need. They continue to develop relationships with potential leaders.
- **The Way Station NWC** in Camarillo (Mickey reports they are making new connections in the park.
- **Worship (Church) in the Park NWC** in Santa Paula (Ron) Ron recognized Bob for the good work done on the Sabbath Grant for Church in the Park. Bob continues to meet every Sunday (11am) at Veteran’s Park in Santa Paula.
- **Esperanza Viva** (Ron reports Esperanza Viva has not been meeting due to Covid hardships and Paster Margarita LaRue stepped down as leader. However, since late June Ron Urzua and Mickey Fenn have been regularly meeting with Latino leaders in Oxnard for fellowship lunches and to conduct local outreaches in partnership with local Latino leaders. Ron and Mickey participated in the coordination of 2 outreaches this summer with other Oxnard leaders. As a result, both Ronnie and Mickey have made some new significant ministry friendships and partnerships with local Latino leaders. Ron Urzua will be meeting a new potential leader for the Esperanza Viva Worshipping Community in September. He is also in discussions with “Helping Hands” ministry who desires to conduct local outreach ministry and service projects from the campus of Living Hope. The prospect of restarting Esperanza Viva under new leadership in late 2021 or 2022 looks very promising.
- **Church at the Collection** (Mickey, On hold)
- **Hope and Peace Park in Camarillo/Oxnard** (no Report)
- **Mission study**, church transition updates (Lee reports progress complete)
- **First Presbyterian Church SLO** Mission Study Report (Lee reports good progress, the team appreciates the Study Guide and CDC assistance. Lee will visit SLO later this month to assist with questionnaire development.

- There was a motion to have New Worshiping Communities assign a representative to attend CDC meetings to provide updates or progress reports.  
**MSP**

#### New Business and Growth Ideas

- Regarding Santa Maria Gracious Dismissal funds: Matt will speak with Esperanza Salazar, with Living Word Ministry. Meeting with Bruce and Pastor Garrett in next 2 weeks on Zoom and will bridge gap for Vera.
- Discussion centered on spending the Santa Maria funds, the date by which funds must be spent (2022)– Some Suggestions:
  1. Meet with leaders from the community to determine their needs
  2. Develop 3-year plan for revitalizing SM Church Community
  3. Use the sunset clause if necessary.

Mickey pointed out that the issue regarding Santa Maria is complicated by some of the former members going to Nipomo and some to Grover Beach Churches. There was much discussion on this and some confusion on how many funds are still available, (106k or 150K) by what date must we have a plan in place (early or late 2022), would this be a new worshiping community or a new church? Chair is seeking clarity and will report at next meeting.
- Church in the Park applied for \$30,000 Growth Grant (Ron)
- Updated Goals, including Budget
- Ron's Presentation on Racial Demographics on hold (Mickey)
- Members' Terms were clarified
- We hope to Invite Shawn Kang to Speak to CDC
- Sean Chow agreed to update Procedures for 1001 NWC Grant Process and update Procedures for Sabbath Grant Funds Distribution. When approved, Sean will update the website. Changes:
  1. All 1001 NWC grant applications must first go to CDC for approval, then Stated Clerk, then Council.
  2. There was a motion that Proceeds from Sabbath Grants go directly to Grantee, **MSP**

#### Other

- Seek CDC Member from NW, suggests: Nipomo or Highland. CDC Vice Chair: Seeking viable internal candidate by next meeting.

#### 2022 Proposed Budget

\$1500 Coaching for two people, (NWC coach travel reimbursement)  
 800 Assessment, ½ for two people, required for grant approval  
 1,000 Food, support, speaker and training materials for 2 workshops  
 100 Mileage reimbursements for NWC visiting member to attend meetings.  
 200 Postage, manuals, printing to distribute Mission Study, discernment booklets, etc.

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\$3,600

Next Presbytery Meeting Sat Sept 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am (Hybrid/Zoom) & Next CDC meeting Tuesday, October 26th at 5:00pm (Tentative).

Vera closed with Prayer

Motion to Adjourn, **MSP**