

Church Development Committee Meeting (Zoom)

Minutes for Tuesday March 23rd @ 5:30pm

Meeting opened with sharing thanksgiving for what God is doing from Psalm 118 and prayer.

Approved agenda, no new items.

Ministry updates:

Safe Harbor NCD in Cambria Susan gave update, still waiting on clarity on financial discrepancies in reserved account. Property and finance is working on it. Highlight has been a Prayer Tree for the church and community during Covid. People have been invited to tie ribbons on a tree in response to loss during the last year. It has been a place ministering to others and visibility in community. Eugenia continue to lead Zoom gatherings.

Resurrection Church NWC & Learning Pod Grant in Grover Beach Matt gave update. Committee approved on March 8th the Learning Pods grant electronically. Summary: an after school and educational program to Spanish-speaking and low income children in the area. Has seen 10-12 students, with significant hope to grow because of the need, even after Covid. Volunteer run. Seeing relationships grow and families be baptized through what God is doing.

Motion for Presbytery Council: The Church Development Committee has approved and brings a Motion to Council to approve Resurrection Church's Learning Pods for the Sam and Helen Walton Grant award. Motion approved by Pres Council electronically on March 11th.

Update from Tim McCallister at Pres Mission Agency. Grant was denied since the cutoff for receipt of Sam & Helen R. Walton Award nominations was past due. The Mission Development Resources Committee members already met and selected their nominees. Resurrection Church can apply again by Jan 31st 2022. Information was passed on to Resurrection and Coastal Community. Next steps will be for Matt to talk with Andy and Paul about needs in support of Learning Pods and invite someone from Coastal to consider serving on committee to close communication gap going forward.

The Way Station NWC in Camarillo Mickey update and NWC leader. Continues to meet outside at the park across from The Loft during Covid. Focus is on sharing stories and connecting with people in the park. Bright spots of some locals showing interest, joining for connecting time, worship, and relationships. Past gratitude for drive-through Christmas Shop and how there were more toys collected despite fewer people. Represents how God is working, providing, and still working throughout this Covid season. As NWC, continuing to work with Sean Chow, at 1001 NWC, and engaging in coaching and new growth activities like prayer walks.

Worship in the Park NWC in Santa Paula. Ronnie gave update, Bob Ramos continues to lead as they meet in First Pres Santa Paul's parking lot outside. Gratitude for how elders and other leaders have stepped in over the last couple months when Bob has missed. Margherita has also helped teach and preach, who has been connected to Esperanza Viva. Talking to the city about

returning to the park and original location. Some bright spots are the increased engagement of the worship team, and how being outside, has led to more interested. Should transition well with more worship leaders staying connected back at the park. Also, Bob working with Sean Chow, with 1001, for coaching and about possibility of going for the Walton grant in 2022.

Esperanza Viva, Oxnard. Ronnie gave update, while Margherita as NWC leader stepped down from the discipleship classes, Ron, Mickey, and Sean are meeting to consider new location, meeting at Bubbling Springs Park, as a way to engage local Spanish-speaking community. Prayers for discernment.

Church at the Collection Mickey gave update. The discernment team plans to meet in April after Easter. Ted Brandt NWC leader. Pastor Jim, who serves on discernment team and lives locally, is retiring. Recently there were some activities with music held, but some resistance seems to be happening from the Collection for organized events. Currently Ted is meeting with a local family for fellowship and Bible reflection. Going forward, the team is open to another central park location in River Park and will be deciding next steps.

Hope and Peace Park in Camarillo/Oxnard. Matt gave update, Steve Bagnadov as NWC leader still on pause during Covid. Some opportunities for partnership to engage in social justice issues provided by Vera with local pastor in Thousand Oaks, since Steve serves as mission elder with Emmanuel. Will circle back to connect Steve-future coffee with local TO pastors to Spanish-speaking community.

Mission study, church transition updates Lee gave update and reminded us of cover letter and sharing Mission Studies with churches and awareness, with adaptability during Covid. Expressed interest with First Pres SLO for mission study-already received the document. Susan will follow up with intended next steps. Will connect and stay in communication with COM. Will keep Tyson in loop as mission study liaison, as necessary.

New Business and growth ideas

- From last month's minutes in Santa Maria: Understand current Santa Maria ministry and start to creatively re-imagine possibilities, with an awareness of restricted funds for ministry in that area. Matt will connect to Nipomo and reach out to discover any current Santa Maria ministry leaders to listen for what's happening as we discern next steps. Matt will reach out to NCPC, and past director, Esperanza Salazar.
- Regarding new growth ideas: Discussed plans to invest in current NWC's, starting with who is already doing ministry. Other priorities and opportunities to consider are Ventura, Santa Maria, and Spanish-speaking communities. Will need a person with heart for each. Also, consider developing our own internal Pres grant and accountability process, following what we've learned from 1001, as we consider long-term investment.

- Grant opportunities-current. Mickey will send specific grant opportunities out to Council and committee. They are very specific and narrow, but Mickey already emailed Andy Rock for possible connection for Coastal and Resurrection Church. Deadlines in April.
- Vera discussed connecting Spanish-speaking mission opportunity with Thousand Oaks Pastor Mulford with Methodist Church and ways to serve.
- It was highlighted that our priority will be to support current ministries and want to see and encourage growth, tools, creativity with NWC's.

Committee transitions and next steps

Motion made, discussed, Dr. Vera Rhimes for next committee chair. Motion approved, to continue to Nominating, then Council and Presbytery in May. Matt will be moving to Church in the World if approved through Presbytery. Opportunities in northern region on committee from Coastal/Resurrection to best serve Learning Pods. Also identify possible Santa Maria connection. Matt will reach out to Nipomo. Need minute taker going forward. Lee will take minutes at next meeting as Vera chairs.

Committee Members Present: Matt Elam, Mickey Fenn, Lee Kirkpatrick, Vera Rhimes, Susan Updegrave, Ron Urzua. Tyson Babayco (excused)

Next Presbytery Meeting Sat May 15th at 9:30am. Next *CDC Meeting Tuesday June 15th at 5:30pm.*

Mickey closed in prayer, meeting adjourned 7:17pm.