

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 7, 2009

of the

WORLD OUTREACH COMMITTEE

of the

EPC PRESBYTERY OF THE WEST



In Attendance: Cecil Matthews, Marc Huebl, Wes Tucker, Bob Kuseski, Paula Kendrick, Sean McKelvey, Kelli Hayes, Pete Menconi, Gene Kissinger, Steve Garcia (for pre-meeting)

The first portion of the meeting was devoted to planning the presentation for the February 6 Presbytery meeting.

- The Theme of the presentation will be THE CHURCH IS MEANT TO GROW.
- Jim Dixon will give a 30-minute message.
- We will then have a 45 minute “panel discussion”
 - Members of the panel will be Pete Menconi, Steve Garcia and Kelli Hayes
 - The goals are to:
 - Cast a vision for churches to understand and appreciate the ethnic makeup Of their communities and to consider that diversity as they seek to “reach” their communities.
 - Challenge the senior pastor to lead in that vision and unleash the congregation to carry out the vision.
 - Provide resources the congregation can use to become equipped to reach their multi-ethnic communities.
 - The three panelists will speak on:
 - Steve – Making “room” in the church’s ministry for this vision.
 - Kelli – How a congregation can be involved.
 - Pete – The strategy of making it happen.
- 15 minutes will then be given to Wes Tucker, Sean McKelvey and Pete Menconi to share three different “tools” our churches can use to begin challenging and equipping their congregations. Muslim Awareness Seminars, Crossing Cultures training and Extreme Community Makeovers.

- We will have information packets available with information on other resources churches can use.
- We discussed have one specific follow up action step for participants to take but no final decision was made.

The balance of the meeting was spent discussing the new WOC brochure. Comments were made and a second draft will be presented at the meeting on the 21st.

Next meeting – January 21 at Cherry Hills – 11:30 to 1:30.