

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2010

of the

WORLD OUTREACH COMMITTEE

of the

EPC PRESBYTERY OF THE WEST



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In Attendance: Gene Kissinger, Bob Kueski, Pete Menconi, Sean McKelvey, Cecil Matthews, Chris Smith, Don Kearby, Mike Anderson, Marc Huebl, and by conference call: Kenneth P. Jones, Scott Urquhart.

1. Welcome Ruling Elder Ken Jones, our newest team member from San Ramon, CA: Ken has been very involved in both international and local mission activities for a long time. He has participated in mission projects in India, Thailand, and is looking into a project in Bulgaria. For this committee's outlook, he has been active in his local congregation and in cooperation with other local churches of various denominations. He plans to attend the upcoming presbytery meeting; the rest of the committee needs to find an opportunity to get to know him.

2. Finalize agenda for February Presbytery meeting: There was extensive discussion of the committee's part of the program for the upcoming Presbytery meeting. The nearly final program appears below, as does response page to be for each attendee to participate in round table discussions after the main presentation. Tables may be focused on specific topics. In this case, Ken volunteered to lead a table on church networks, something he has current involvement in.

3. Habitat for Humanity project – Don Kearby: The **Bails Townhouse Community** project is sponsored by the Denver-area Habitat for Humanity. Don is serving as the WOC coordinator for that project. At the moment EPC-Denver has 20 spots for volunteers allocated on January 22, 2010. Only four or five of those are committed right now. Don asked for us to help find others. April 22 is clergy build day. An announcement at the Presbytery meeting is intended to find pastors to fill slots that day. The project still needs funding, but we decided that it is too early to ask our congregations for assistance on this. Nevertheless, local churches need to support the substantial efforts Celebration Community Church has put into this project.

4. Homecoming at General Assembly, June, 2010 – Don Kearby: The "homecoming" for active EPC

missionaries is scheduled for June 16 - 22, 2010 at Keystone resort in the mountains west of Denver. The expected attendance is 30 - 35 missionary families, including about 15 children under the age of 12, and about 25 children in middle school or later. The accommodations (condos) will have cooking facilities, but the intent is to cater most of the meals so the participants can focus on interaction and supporting each other, and building linkages to local congregations. These areas of focus were identified:

1. Food preparation
2. Leadership
3. Child care
4. Music
5. Transportation
6. Worship
7. Technical support - two kinds: presentations and their computers
8. Speakers
9. Training
10. Counseling
11. Women' ministry
12. Mens ministry

Nearby congregations need to pitch in on 1 - 5 & 7. Get the word out!

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DRAFT AGENDA FOR FEBRUARY PRESBYTERY MEETING

1/12/10

GOAL: To move churches within the presbytery from hearing about the missional concept to discussing it amongst themselves and, hopefully, identifying specific points of action for their individual churches.

Five-minute "Man on the street interviews" – What does missional mean to you? {These are currently available.} Start with Cecil reading the formal definition. That implies the need to get practical in implementation.

The purpose of the video is to show how varied our definitions and understands are about the term missional. The transition to the panel discussion will focus on the fact that we need to move from fine-tuning the definition to simply doing/being missional and here are some examples of how churches have done that.

FIRST PANEL DISCUSSION - A Moderated Panel discussion - with questions asked by the moderator

- Doug Brown + church member - Doug and Jim have agreed to participate
- Jim Murphy + church member

Questions for this panel to address:

- What does "missional" look like to you personally and to your church?
- What events/experiences in your life and ministry helped solidify this understanding of missional?
- Has your church's movement towards being missional been a top down or bottom up movement?
 - Organic or organizational?
- Who's more missional in my church, me the pastor or our members?
- What are we doing that we consider missional.

- Has being missional caused the church to be more unified?
- Has the missional movement caused your church to do things differently?
- Has being missional caused your church to be more intentional?

Announce the Habitat for Humanity project – Don Kirby - as an example of local missional involvement

Q&A

BREAK

Introduction of the international church-planting project. Missional doesn't mean just reaching out to your own back yard but also reaching out to the ends of the earth, the unengaged peoples. Here's an opportunity for us to join together in doing that.

SECOND PANEL DISCUSSION

- George Carey - to introduce this segment
- Sean and Angie McKelvey
- Greg Livingstone

Points to focus on:

- Greg takes 15 - 20 minutes to cast the vision and justify why pioneer church planting is still something we, as the church, should put our effort and resources into
- Sean presents the clearer details of what we are looking for and what the next steps are. Sean will have a few slides so people can see the plan and the next steps that we are asking them to consider, including a variety of ways that churches can be involved.

Q&A

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION ON MISSIONAL

Each participant is to be given a response/provocation card similar to what follows. (Gene took lots of heat about his initial terms on the scale!):

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- Where on this continuum would you place your church and yourself in terms of being missional?

1-----2-----3-----4-----5
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- Explain why you're where you think you are.
- What is one resource that could help your church move up the scale one step?
- What could churches in the Presbytery do together to enhance our missional efforts?
- Here's one question I have:
- I'm interested in talking more about the church planting team idea. Please contact me.

Name

Church

Address

Phone

Email

The meeting was adjourned about 1:15.