

Coordinating Team Report

February 25, 2017

In November the Coordinating Team (CT) reviewed evaluations from the October Presbytery meeting, and here are the major points:

What did you like about the meeting? Conversations; being assigned to a table; sharing ideas; sitting with people from other churches; perspectives from small churches; putting the international peacemakers in a timeframe apart from the business meeting which made their presentations very special; acapella singing in worship service

What could be improved? Difficulty in hearing and understanding in the meeting room and the evening presenters; daily prayers and infusing worship throughout the meeting; including liturgical moments throughout the day; take on the toughest things first; spread out reports instead of all in one big lump sum: use a consent agenda to vote on a bunch of items at one time, the document currently referred to as a consent agenda is the rules of the meeting. These are different items; Amendments to Book of Order should go first. (2nd view); we need to balance our explanations of items between commissioners who haven't read anything and those who will come prepared; we also need to allow committees to make their reports so that everyone understands and values the work of the committees.

The CT and Leadership Team will take these comments to heart to work on improving the Presbytery meetings.

On behalf of the Presbytery on November 3, 2016 the CT approved a request from a church session for the Presbytery to exercise limited original jurisdiction over the session for a pending disciplinary accusation against a church member but acted again later on February 3, 2017 after removal of the accused from the church membership rolls and voted to terminate the exercise of original jurisdiction over the session and return the disciplinary accusation back to the church session.

CT held a retreat February 3 & 4 with 20 in attendance. On behalf of the Presbytery, CT approved the following motion:

That CT approve the draft docket for the February 2017 stated presbytery meeting

Our retreat conversations were based on the information gathered from phone calls made to pastors. Some of the needs/concerns shared by the churches were:

- a) Finances

- b) Leadership in worship and sacraments
- c) Regular and involved attendees who never join and cannot become deacons or elders
- d) Lack of people willing to step up into leadership

In trying to move into the future, CT recognizes that the Presbytery has been working in a centralized model but must begin moving to a distributed model (although in reality it will probably be a mixture of the two). The advantage to the centralized model is efficiency but the advantage of the distributed model is ownership by the members of the presbytery that is fueled by passion, and programs they are invested in.

CT then spent some time talking about the website and how it could be used to further the mission and ministry of our congregations, examples were:

- YouTube videos from our churches
- Curriculum resources
- TheoAcademy
- Disaster Assistance and Safe Church Resources
- Leadership Training
- Creative ways that churches are doing confirmation or worship
- Links to others who are doing things well (Episcopalians' curriculum)
- Names of people who can teach on certain subjects
- Worship bank for the church calendar
- Liturgical resources
- How to use technology in worship
- Bulletins
- Music resources
- Musical groups that could travel
- Chat groups/forums
- FAQs
- Websites for smaller churches
- Are you looking for a church in your area?
- PW
- Youth
- Closed group on Facebook for pastors

CT set two goals for this year

Goals:

- 1) Increase/Improve Communication
 - a. Present Networking concepts to every church or session. Bryan Beck and Judith Todd will develop a PowerPoint presentation for all to use.
 - b. Increase usability of website which will increase usage of the site. Lorelei Kay and CAT
 - c. Provide a website for every church who desires one. CAT
 - d. Contact churches quarterly. CT
 - e. Provide a closed Facebook page for Pastors (Rob Woodruff - done)

- 2) Develop Membership Growth & Discipleship
 - a. Compile resource lists. Networking committees
 - b. Intentionally resource CORP with names of racial/ethnic people who would be willing to serve on Administrative Commissions for Installations. Pastors
 - c. Hold a young adult outreach gathering. Luke Rembold.
 - d. Provide Leadership Training through TheoAcademy. (Seth Finch as resource)