

Northern Region Mission Action Council

Minutes from 2005-05-12 Meeting

Attendants

Present: Ted Hartman, John Pfeifer¹, Kathie Linquist, Clint Lutz, Jim Kabel, Mark Stenbeck, Jill Allen, Les Self, Lon Spharter, Les Gary
Guests: Eric Johnson (mission planter Rohnert Park), Phil Zabel (host pastor and CNH District Evangelism Chairman)

Next Meeting

Date: August 18, 2005
Time: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Location: First Lutheran Church, 333 Vine St., Willows, CA

Ted shared opening comments on purpose of our MAC

Creating an Environment for Mission
Creating Focal Points for Mission
Administrative Duties (assigning grants, etc.)
Description of Mission Work (triangle)

- Genuine Community
- Transformational Spiritual Stuff
- Link to Community

Devotion/Dialogue

The Present Future by Reggie McNeal

Reality #1: The Collapse of the Church Culture.

The church has become institutional not missional
The average person doesn't care about church doctrine
Churched people know it's true but are afraid of this reality.

Reality #2: The Shift from Church Growth to Kingdom Growth

The mission work we do may not end up bringing people to our church.
How then do we measure success? Numbers? Dollars? Witnesses?
Abdication from the professional to the individual.

Report from Pastor Eric Johnson

- Shared honestly about his difficult task of planting a church in a pagan culture.
- Shared he has made a commitment to continue serving for 3 more years.

¹ John Pfeifer was appointed as chairman by President Newton and has accepted this appointment but prefers to be called our facilitator.

- Ted Hartman shared he has likewise made a 3 year commitment to continue with District support (two years were already committed).
- Shared strong conviction that in spite of a difficult startup, he believes God has a purpose for them in Rohnert Park.

Strategic Planning

Existing Missions

- Word of Grace - Rohnert Park
- Foothill Mission Society
- Campus Ministry – Humboldt

New Mission Priorities

- Population Centers (Sacramento area Sunrise or Lincoln)
[Mission work in growth population areas was the primary area of mission interest among the MAC.]
- Clustering Small Congregations
- Congregational Outreach Project Grants with matching funds
- New Summer Youth Camp in Georgetown
- Campus Ministry Development

Communication

- John Pfeifer will write informational letter to pastors and congregational presidents to solicit prayers and mission opportunities in our region.
- Ted will coordinate communication from each existing mission. (stories, what are you doing, activities, what do you hope to do, history, what's happening in your community, what significant events have effected the mission plant, mission planters bio, spiritual gifts, prayer requests, future vision.)

Prayer Networking

- Clint Lutz & Jill Allen will coordinate prayer network (prayer walks, prayer drives, prayer vigils for Northern MAC).

Closing Comments from Ted Hartman

- Challenged us to pray every day for one person who doesn't know the Lord.