

**NOTES FROM NORTHERN MISSION ACTION COUNCIL  
MEETING OF AUGUST 18, 2005**

**Peace Lutheran Church  
Sacramento, California**

**Attendees:**

Jill Allen; Rev. Gene Davidenas; Les Gary; Rev. Ted Hartman; Sally Niessen; Rev. Jim Kabel; Jan Killingsworth; Rev. Clint Lutz; Rev. John Paul Meyer; John Pfeifer; Mike Samson; Rev. Les Self; Lon Spharler

**Absent:**

Rev. Bob Fickenscher; Rev. Mark Stenbeck

**Opening:**

The meeting opened shortly after 9:00 a.m. with prayer and introductions.

**Devotion:**

Ted Hartman led a devotion and dialogue based on Chapters 3 and 4 of *Present Future*.

**Sacramento Demographics:**

Ted Hartman presented demographic data for two areas of Sacramento. This led to considerable discussion of the data and its meaning. The discussion led to the recommendation that the pulse for outreach in the area be discussed with the pastors of Circuits 4 and 19. Ted Hartman will follow up.

**Foothill Mission Society:**

There was a presentation on the status and activities of the Foothill Mission Society by Gene Davidenas and other members of the society. A small congregation is currently meeting in Jackson and another in Valley Springs.

**Middletown Demographics:**

There was a brief discussion of the potential for a mission plant in Middletown. More information is needed and the circuit will be meeting to discuss the issue.

**Grant Applications:**

Ted Hartman presented the list of seven new grant applications and two carry over grants for review. There was a lengthy discussion of the grant process, MAC role, and timeline. The Chairperson and Mission Counselor of each of the five MACs will meet in Livermore on October 25-26 to review funding availability and develop a district wide funding proposal. The grant applications were discussed and priorities considered for guidance for the October 25-26 meeting.

The results of the October meeting will be emailed to all Northern MAC members.

**Communications:**

There was a discussion of communications to churches within the MAC district. The June 22, 2005, letter to all congregational presidents introducing the MAC has received little or no response. We discussed posters, another letter, upcoming circuit councils, and telephone calls. Jill Allen produced a very nice draft poster which she will continue to work on. Clint Lutz will draft a second letter to pastors and forward it to John Pfeifer for action. We decided that following the second letter, the circuit representatives would then follow up with telephone calls to congregations in their circuits.

**Reformation Offering:**

Ted Hartman reported that Rev. Newton recently sent a letter to all congregations regarding a special reformation offering. Bulletin inserts regarding the special offering will be provided by district.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held in conjunction with the annual CEF/MAC conference. Dates will be provided when available. If another meeting is necessary prior to that time, the Chairman will call a special meeting as necessary.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m. with prayer.

John L. Pfeifer  
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