

Membership Commission Meeting

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Agenda:

1) Issues from our last phone conference:

a) Membership fees

a) Suggestions to move this discussion forward

- i) Change "membership fee" to "fellowship fee" in the Manual of Procedure the next time we have other changes to make.
- ii) Add wording to the request for fellowship fees as follows:

"The FGBC is a family of diverse churches who together are committed to remaining Biblical in relationships and in mission. As a family we maintain a national office, send representatives to serve on a national board (the Fellowship Council), provide points of communication and connection, and seek to find new ways to work together in God's kingdom. Together we have agreed that a "fellowship fee" is asked of each member church to help fund this joint activity. FGBC churches should use the following chart in establishing their amount of contribution based on the size (ie: average attendance or weekly gathering) of their church."

b) Associate membership/ Ministry Partnership.

- i) Phil has suggested we refer this type of association to districts.
- ii) It is possible that this may become a part of a new multi-year moderator's vision.
- iii) Suggest we wait on this idea until after the FC meeting.

c) The Statement of Faith

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d) 3-fold communion

- i) This may be impacted by a statement of faith discussion.
- ii) Suggest we wait.

2) New churches – we need to make assignments for follow-up

a) [Darby GBC, Plain City Ohio](#)

b) [MISPA Missionary Community, Miami, Florida](#)

c) Both these applications are on the FC web page.

3) National and Cooperating Ministries:

a) Go2 Church planting:

i) Action recommended by the council and approved by the delegates in 2008: *“A MOTION was made and seconded that Go2 Church Planting be approved provisionally as a National Ministry until annual conference 2010. The Fellowship Council will review the status of Go2 at its winter meeting in 2010 with a view towards recommending a permanent status for approval by delegates at the 2010 conference.”*

ii) Tim Boal will meet with us in the conference call to update on the progress of Go2.

iii) Discussion: We need more information and time with Tim Boal.

(1) In the past we have asked to see some results.

(2)

b) Vision Ohio:

i) Action recommended by the council and approved by the delegates in 2008: *“A MOTION was made and seconded that Vision Ohio be approved provisionally as a Cooperating Ministry until annual conference 2010. The Fellowship Council will review the status of Vision Ohio at its winter meeting in 2010 with a view toward recommending a permanent status for approval by delegates at the 2010 conference.”*

ii) I did not ask Tony Webb to meet with us today. I suggest we assign one or two men to contact Tony and get an update.

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4) Why Associate Brochure?

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