

Fellowship Council Minutes
July 23 and July 28, 2001
Anaheim, California

❖ **Monday, July 23**

- Present: Dr. Ron Manahan (Chair), Tad Hobart, Dave Mitchell, Joel Richards, Jim Custer, Jerry Young, Bob Combs, Jeff Gill, Keith Shearer, Ron Boehm, Dan Thornton, John McIntosh, Jesus Muñoz, Terry Taylor, Greg Howell (Sec-Pro-tem), Tom Avey (Fellowship Coordinator).
- Dr. Manahan led in a time of sharing and prayer.
- Review Conference 2001 plans
 - Theme is *Nurturing a Generation of Leaders*. BNYC is a great example of leaders in the making. Mentorship happens in the everyday events. Intentionality is the key to developing leaders. Focus groups to meet during Conference.
- Work of Fellowship Council members during Conference
 - Dr. Manahan suggested that the Fellowship Council might exercise leadership by identifying 4 pathfinders and interviewing them using a scripted interview while at Conference. We identified a Pathfinder in January as someone who is creative, unusual, makes or at least takes advantage of opportunities, sometimes irritate us, and are often seen as being on the fringe of the FGBC. How can they be included in the work of the FGBC? What can we learn from them?
 - Ron distributed the script, pointing out the warning at the top “Please follow the script”. Each FC member is to interview 4 pathfinders during this week and report back to FC so steps can be taken to make appropriate changes.
 - Questions in the script were:
 - ◆ **Question #1:** What is your vision (i.e. what do you want to see accomplished in the next five years) for the ministry that God has given you?
 - ◆ **Question #2:** What things would the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches do that would help you better accomplish your vision for your ministry?
 - ◆ **Question #3:** What are two or three core values (i.e. characteristics that define us) that should define the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches?
 - ◆ **Question #4:** Do the core values that you identified in Question #3 currently characterize the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches?
 - Pathfinders interview assignments:
 - ◆ BOB COMBS: Dan Allan, John Haller, Kurt Henman
 - ◆ TAD HOBERT: Bob Arnold, Scott Distler, Will Lohnes, Jay Bell
 - ◆ JOHN MCINTOSH: Brian Blackburn, Duke Heller
 - ◆ JEFF GILL: Tim Boal, Nathan Bryant, Will Marling, Ed Waken
 - ◆ JIM CUSTER: Chery Boehm, Ned Denlinger, Jason Haymaker, Mike Lee, Bartley Sawatsky
 - ◆ KEITH SHEARER: Jim Brown, Clive Craigen, Wayne Hannah, Dan O’Deens
 - ◆ TERRY TAYLOR: Phil Bryant, Bob Fetterhoff, Jim Laird, Don Shoemaker
 - ◆ DAN THORNTON: Mitch Cariaga, Neil Cole, Ted Ruiz, Ivanildo Trindade
 - ◆ JESUS MUNOS: Ricardo Gomez, Dave Guiles, Janet Minnix, Geraldo Leiton
 - ◆ JOEL RICHARDS: Phil Helfer, Tom Hocking, Kurt Miller, John Shirk
 - ◆ JERRY YOUNG: Lou Huesmann, Mark Norris
 - ◆ RON BOEHM: Mike Jentes, Jeff Bogue, Barb Wooler, Dan Gregory

◆ DAVE MITCHELL: Nathan Zakahi, Rob Farris,

072301-01 MOTION to appoint Secretary and Treasurer

- A MOTION prevailed to recommend to the delegates the appointment of Tom Avey as Secretary and Tom Stallter as Treasurer for the 2001-2002 Conference year.
- “Points of Light”—70 identifiable points in the USA listed on the pink sheet in business packet. Keith mentioned that there are about 50 missionary units preparing to be on the field during the next couple of years under GBIM.
- New Churches

072301-02 MOTION to recommend a new church for membership

- A MOTION prevailed to recommend *About My Father’s Business Outreach Ministries*—Fort Washington, MD (Stephen Joyce, Sr., pastor) to the delegates for admission into the FGBC.
- *Community Cornerstone Church*—Loganville, PA (Mark Norris, pastor) is a new church being planted by the York Grace Brethren Church. Mark Norris is also being mentored by Jerry Young.

072301-03 MOTION to recommend a new church for membership

- A MOTION prevailed to recommend *Community Cornerstone Church*—Loganville, PA (Mark Norris, pastor) to the delegates for admission into the FGBC.

072301-03 MOTION to recommend a new church for membership

- A MOTION prevailed to recommend *Grace Brethren Family Fellowship*—Cummings, GA (Mike Sinteff, pastor) to the delegates for admission into the FGBC.

072301-04 MOTION to recommend a new church for membership

- A MOTION prevailed to recommend *Ichthus*—Pomona, CA (Brian Olhman, pastor) to the delegates for admission into the FGBC.
- *Liberty Grace Brethren Community Church*—Johnstown, PA (Cort Walker, pastor)
 - ◆ Review of circumstances—connections with Riverside were strained, so they voluntarily withdrew their application last year. Riverside changed their name to Davidsville
 - ◆ Report—Keith Shearer worked with both sides trying to resolve the conflict, he graded the progress with a C-, currently there is a spirit of peaceful co-existence, but many old, unresolved situations. The churches continue to be in different districts. “It did not run smoothly during the year, but it did run!” Things are better today than they were a year ago.

- 1 ♦ Suggestion: that at the point of delegates being seated that the Davidsville
2 delegates be seated also, since we recognized that their voluntary withdrawal was
3 for this one year only.
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- 5 ▪ Comments included requiring a representative of new churches to be at the Conference
6 when they seek admission. We also may need a policy regarding church splits that result
7 in new FGBC's. Custer mentioned that Riverside/Liberty problem was different and
8 congratulated the Fellowship Council for preventing a battle on the Conference floor.
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- 10 ▪ What have we learned from this? Custer: learn from your scouts (churches and other
11 pastors nearer to the situation). Manahan: 2 weeks is not enough time to process new
12 church applications. Changing the process is very positive. The Fellowship Council must
13 not avoid these kinds of decisions. It is important to ask questions about the application
14 early enough to be sure the right questions are asked. This goes beyond just applications,
15 including pastoral integrity as well. McIntosh: Would it be good to have the Moderator of
16 District sign off on the application? The time between January and July should be used
17 for investigation, at least among Fellowship Council members, and with the posting on the
18 Web so the whole FGBC could know in advance and raise questions if necessary. Tom,
19 as Fellowship Coordinator, should be able to directly ask about anything that is uncertain
20 of applying churches.
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22 **072301-05 MOTION to recommend a new church for membership**

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- 24 ▪ A MOTION prevailed to recommend *Liberty Grace Brethren Community Church*—
25 Johnstown, PA (Cort Walker, pastor) to the delegates for admission into the FGBC.
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- 27 ▪ *North Kokomo Grace Brethren Church*—Kokomo, IN (Larry Richeson, pastor)—
28 Application withdrawn
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- 30 ▪ *North Shore Bible Church*—Gloucester, MA (Jack Brown, pastor)—Jim, Jacks brother,
31 encouraged them to join the FGBC. This small group split off from another church, not
32 necessarily a negative split. Their Statement of Faith larger than the FGBC's.
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34 **072301-06 MOTION to recommend a new church for membership**

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- 36 ▪ A MOTION prevailed to recommend *North Shore Bible Church*—Gloucester, MA (Jack
37 Brown, pastor) to the delegates for admission into the FGBC.
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- 39 ▪ Discussion –
40 • Suggestion - require a delegation from the church being admitted to beat the
41 Conference. Maybe a dinner with Fellowship Council for delegates of new churches.
42 It would make the application personal if they have to come in person. Subsidizing
43 Conference expense for these delegates may not be good, because they will come on
44 their own if they want to badly enough. IF finances is the only problem, we should be
45 able to find them some help.
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47 **072301-07 MOTION to recommend a new church for membership**

- A MOTION prevailed to recommend *The Fountain Community Church*—Fontana, CA (Douglas Lee, pastor) to the delegates for admission into the FGBC.

072301-08 MOTION to recommend a new church for membership

- A MOTION prevailed to recommend *The Quest*—Columbus, OH (Mike Jentes, pastor) to the delegates for admission into the FGBC.
- Manahan asked if we need to form a group to construct a list of expectations for new churches to bring to the January meeting. Custer suggested FOCUS retreats might be a better venue.
- By consensus it was decided that a committee be formed to construct a list of expectations to bring to the January meeting. Tom Avey, with Joel Richards & John McIntosh by phone.
- Discussion: sponsorship by a church or District Mission Board gives a 3 month extension for the application

072301-09 MOTION to recommend removal of a church from membership

- A MOTION prevailed to recognize the wish of the NEW ALBANY, IN GBC to no longer be affiliated with the FGBC.

072301-10 MOTION to recommend removal of a church from membership

- A MOTION prevailed to recognize the wish of the GAINSVILLE, FL GBC to no longer be affiliated with the FGBC.
- Report of Strategic Goals: R. Manahan distributed a sheet summarizing the Strategic Goals established at the Winter 2001 FC meeting in Simi Valley, CA and explained how some of these are underway even at this Conference. (See minutes of the January 31 – February 3, 2001 FC meetings)
- Dan Thornton reported from the BMH board that they are realizing that they are past their prime for their original purposes, now they are seeking ways to be a catalyst for information development. BMH is moving toward being a Foundation and are not actively searching for an Executive Director. He also announced their apology for past promises not kept and told us that the board is actively soliciting specific offenses from the past in order to care for them. Tom Avey recommended that the Fellowship Council should officially request Jim Bustraan to be at the mid-year FC meeting.
- Jim Custer reminded us that Jim Bustraan had been officially invited and was to be at the Fellowship Council meeting Saturday morning in Simi in Jan 2001, and was not present. Dan indicated that no discussion at BMH Board was given to change status as a cooperating organization with the FGBC. They need to clarify with us who they are and what accountability they have to the FGBC. Custer suggested that Dan be given a list of questions to submit to the BMH board. Dan is going off of the FC, but just coming on the BMH board. Dan will bring a financial statement to the Saturday Fellowship Council meeting. We expect

a personal response from BMH chairman at the January 2002 meeting about status and direction.

➤ Action on 2002 budget (note re: conference fee)

- Ron distributed budget worksheet
- Made comments about footnotes:
 - Increased \$.25 with Promise of Honor's \$1.00 (used only to pay PoH)
 - Amounts requested of NATORG's
 - Conference fee
 - ◆ Basic childcare & Kids Konference \$40
 - ◆ Tom indicated that he wanted to present not a specific amount but a statement that the fees will have to increase in order to provide conference in the future.
 - ◆ Maybe this is the year that we point out the obvious and take time to explain the shift in the direction of conference and initiate a new thinking about conference and what conference is designed to do.

Budget for 2002	
For the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches, Inc.	
Receipts	
Membership Fees (1)	112,000
Contributions from National Organizations (2)	26,250
Conference Income (3)	41,000
Other Income	3,500
Total	\$ 182,750
Expenses	
Fellowship Council/Ministry Expenses	25,000
National Office	115,000
National Conference	41,000
Total	\$ 181,000

Footnotes	
(1) Based on \$4.25 per member membership fee plus \$1 per member promise of honor contribution. Total is \$5.25 per member discounted to \$5 per member if paid by May 15. Current membership fee is \$4 per member plus \$1 per member for promise of honor, discounted to \$4.75 if paid by May 15. Promise of Honor amount is treated as a liability to the Promise of Honor Fund and is not a budget's income or expense.	
(2) National Organizations have agreed to contribute to the costs of a National Office. National Organizations contributions are voluntary. Amounts to be requested for 2002	
Grace College	\$ 5,250
GBIM	\$ 5,250
CE National	\$ 1,750
BMH	\$ 5,250
GBNAM	\$ 5,250
AGBM	\$ 1,750
Grace Village	\$ 1,750
	\$ 26,250
This represents an increase of \$250 per organization plus the addition of Grace Village	
(3) Conference fees will be set so that conference fees pay for conference costs.	

▪ Discussion:

- 2001 is the first of a new order of Conference, co-oping with BNYC, training sessions, meeting at a conference center. Maybe the Moderators could put this together in several paragraphs in order to communicate to the delegates. Tom suggested the best format is over time and with vision: where we are going, more purposeful, more

1 thematic. Discussion about the purpose of Conference—of churches, of pastors, or of
2 cooperating organizations?

- 3 • Footnote 3: Just say the Conference fee should cover expenses at least. (pay for itself)
- 4 • Footnote 2: should clarify that NATORGs voluntary contributions help cover the cost
5 of the Fellowship Coordinator and the National office.
- 6 • Footnote 1: Ron Boehm worked on question “How will FGBC conf. fund itself?” He
7 and his committee recommended these changes, in light of declining interest in
8 membership: Churches are growing, but not gaining membership.
- 9 • Conference should fund itself.
- 10 • NatOrgs should be expected to contribute to Fellowship Coordinator’s expense
- 11 • National Initiatives need to be funded.
- 12 • Delegate fee tied to local church revenues. 75%, suggested donation rather than
13 taxation. Bible encourages giving according to prosperity, we do not now remove a
14 church for lack of ability.
- 15 • Discussion resulted in us beginning to place a value on being a part and what we
16 receive. Voluntary or what? Can’t send delegates? What is different from now?
17 Some noticed that this would increase their fees 4-fold. We need to face reality as to
18 what it costs and that membership is not the index. Value added thinking.
- 19 • We’ve agreed to all of the footnotes and buy time (1 year) to work on long term
20 funding solutions.
- 21 • Options could be to increase the membership fee to \$8 and/or the NATORGs \$500 in
22 order to eliminate the \$.25.
- 23 • Dan spoke in favor of increasing membership fee and Conference fee.
- 24 • FOOTNOTES: Keep #1, 2, and 3 with amendment made by Tom about kids

25 26 **072301-11 MOTION to recommend the 2002 Budget**

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28 ➤ A MOTION prevailed to approve the budget as presented with a change in the footnotes
29 reflecting the need for conference to begin paying for itself.
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31 ➤ Multi-year strategic planning budget committee—Ron B. with Joel, John, and Tom Avey.
32 Need to determine a percentage that appropriately reflects and assesses local church income.
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34 ➤ Report on reconciliation meeting with the Brethren Church (Ashland)
 - 35 ▪ Jim Custer: Reported that the meeting was very gracious, they were most warmly
36 received. The potential of having a meaningful relationship with our cousins is larger than
37 expected. 2007 will be the 300th anniversary of the beginning of Brethrenism. They were
38 most encouraged that we are interested in our Brethrenness. Plaster and Stouffer both
39 mentioned that there were lots of things that needed not to have happened and most of the
40 personalities that caused the problems were gone from the scene within a few months or
41 years. Both sides agree Ashland Seminary is not now strictly Brethren. They have an
42 active evangelistic ministry on Ashland College campus. Custer listed a number of joint
43 efforts in local areas.
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 - 45 ▪ It would be impossible to join structurally, but there is lots of room for friendship and
46 encouragement which would be a benefit to both.
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- 1 ➤ Time of next Fellowship Council meeting---SAT, July 28 at 11:30am in the TOP NOTCH
2 room with newly elected members as well as outgoing men.
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5 ❖ **Saturday, July 28**
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- 7 ➤ PRESENT: Dr. Jeff Gill (Chair), Tad Hobart, Dave Mitchell, Jim Custer, Joel Richards, Jerry
8 Young, Bob Combs, Ron Boehm, Dan Thornton, John McIntosh, Jesus Muñoz, Terry Taylor,
9 Ron Manahan, Ted Kirnbauer, John Teevan, Mark Saunders, Greg Howell (Sec-Pro-tem), and
10 Tom Avey (Fellowship Coordinator).
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12 ➤ Reflections on 2001 Conference
13 ▪ Manahan—for good or bad, it went about as planned. He and Tom Have received
14 feedback on speakers and music. He is very appreciative for organizations, Women of
15 Grace, CE, etc that helped sponsor.
16 ▪ Hobart—contrary to Dave Mitchell’s thoughts, he did more than attend Disney and liked
17 the workshops—men’s and Growing a Healthy Church especially helpful as well as some
18 “ouch” times of stretching us.
19 ▪ There were some comments about the free day being so close to the end of conference, but
20 realized it was timed to be in conjunction with BNYC. The combined time with BNYC
21 was very good. It was good to have pastors able to visit kids at BNYC. The week was
22 different in that workshops were every day. Attendance was low, but about the same,
23 maybe higher than San Diego. We are trying to blend being a business, a fellowship, and
24 a training conference all at once. It was nice to have spread out workshops, it made it not
25 as overwhelming. Jesus expressed surprised that there was no special worship time for
26 Hispanics as there was last year. He was shocked at lack of vision when it was announced
27 that we need only 69 new pastors during the next few years. It seemed like there was not
28 enough time for fellowship—the feel of being together was diminished from last year.
29 People seemed less focused on Conference in California because there is so much to do
30 with all of the California attractions. There was discussion about all of the change. Focus
31 retreats help with the fellowship/connectedness. The music leader may be too young for
32 adult Conference audience. It is excellent that Hispanics are increasingly involved and
33 with quality. For all the good things that we do, when we see evidence of good stuff—we
34 need to capitalize on it. We need to provide interpreters in every room—how many
35 Hispanics could not take seminars. We need to ramp up our ability to provide. We will
36 be facing the same problem in Tampa. Space was limited for Hispanic celebrations. The
37 general environment (pool, umbrellas, lobbies) was encouraging to fellowship. Stated
38 purpose for conference: Celebration, Fellowship, Bible, Mission. The format was
39 changed, not going over a weekend, because of scattered churches. ***Growing a Healthy***
40 ***Church*** allowed local leaders to get in on a valuable day. Additional comments can be e-
41 mailed to Jeff & Tom.
42 ▪ Part of agenda of January can be who is our target, how are we reaching them. Tom said
43 this was a much younger crowd than Winona Lake in 2000.
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45 ➤ Dan Thornton—report of BMH. He distributed financial a report. He recapped his report
46 from the earlier meeting for benefit of new members. Purpose: Communication, Networking,
47 Publishing. Decided to change a function in these areas and become a Foundation. Net worth
48 liquidation could become 3-31/2 million. They are in the process of finding a new owner for
49 the Winona Lake Bookstore. The goal is to convert assets to cash in the next 2-3 years that

1 would produce \$200,000 annually for projects. Q: Is there a written plan to do this at this
2 moment? A: These were directives at the last Board meeting. Jim Bustraan has put these
3 into writing, but only a broad outline at this time. The outline is a one year at a time estimate
4 of where board is at—next board meeting should have a written plan that will accomplish
5 becoming a foundation within 3 years. Next meeting is Spring 2002. Notion of becoming a
6 foundation was conceived just this spring. The board is looking to a change of
7 CEO/Executive Director.

8 ➤ New member introductions:

- 9 ▪ Ted Kimbauer—saved, trained, sent from Long Beach to Japan, now pastor at Waimalu.
- 10 ▪ Mark Saunders—Waterloo, Grace Seminary, Ephrata, now Dayton 1st. Two sons at
11 Grace.
- 12 ▪ Dave Ogden – not present

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14 ➤ Fellowship Council Committee Assignments-

- 15 ▪ Tom Avey explained the general outline of duties for each committee. Not a lot of time is
16 given to the functioning of each committee. We may need more time, or out of FC
17 assignments. John Teevan suggested that we might consider longer terms for members,
18 since there is a very high turn-over of committee members. He further suggested maybe
19 elections every two years instead of every year and added that moderators should be a two
20 year term for continuity.
- 21 ▪ FINANCES—Goes over Budget
- 22 • Ron Boehm (Chair), Jerry Young, Mark Saunders
- 23 ▪ MEMBERSHIP—Gets new church applications
- 24 • Tad Hobert (Chair), Terry Taylor, Jesus Muñoz, Dave Mitchell
- 25 ▪ STRUCTURES—How FC works
- 26 • Joel Richards (Chair), Keith Shearer, Ted Kirnbauer, John McIntosh

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28 ➤ We have been asked to consider that the chairman of national ministerium, become a full-time
29 position. Should he/it be merged with FC? Discussion included:

- 30 ▪ It would be natural for Ministerium to do Focus retreats. He could be paid by getting out
31 of the death gratuity funding or raising ministerial membership fee. Whatever happens, if
32 not by ministerium, Tom would like to coordinate FOCUS out of his office. The question
33 probably comes out of Ministerium not knowing what their purpose is. They are probably
34 frustrated at not being able to the get whole job of providing, caring for, putting guys in
35 the training pipeline done. We are still in the old paradigm of thinking all pastors are
36 seminary trained.
- 37 ▪ We need to give serious consideration to vacation-style conference like this—every other
38 year with training style in between with for credit seminars. We maybe need a committee
39 to welcome new members. Q: what is Grace's thinking on training guys not from
40 seminary offered this fall -- 1st internet course. 40+ grads this Spring (few were FGBC).
41 Satellite people are out for whole weeks, with local excellent practitioners. Grace is not
42 deviating from role of training in solid theology and original languages. There is a need
43 for certification for those training in the field, even for those not intending to become
44 pastors. There maybe a place for an every other summer two-week block of training with
45 a 5 year program that we would want every pastor to go through. GBIM standardized
46 modules are starting to happen.

- 1 ▪ There will be a preliminary presentation about where we are and every-other year
- 2 conference at Fellowship Council's Mid-year. We need an annual get together anyway—
- 3 like regional conferences in the off years.
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- 5 ➤ Jeff Gill led the Fellowship Council in a verbal review (overview) of interview responses.
- 6 Written responses were submitted. The verbal overview was as follows. A compilation of
- 7 written responses were supplied to the Fellowship Council in November of 2001.
- 8 ▪ R. Boehm
- 9 • Jentes cell model, 2. Keeps me in the family, innovative not cookie cutter. 3. Bible
- 10 truth, Mission, relationship.
- 11 • Wooler—core values, goal to mobilize every GBC woman to mission, prayer, and
- 12 holiness Vision to send Grace women students to field annual. How could we
- 13 help—pastors promote women in missions, give WMC a second chance, get women
- 14 out on GO teams.
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- 16 ▪ T. Taylor
- 17 • Shoemaker: broader implications of the gospel, biblically , ethically astute, need work
- 18 on ethics, rush to application without foundation.
- 19 • Laird need work on core values, forgetting who we are, need more speakers for
- 20 women.
- 21 • P Bryant-evangelism/reproducing, need to do more together, more grace toward those
- 22 who do things different.
- 23 ▪ J. McIntosh
- 24 • G. Stoever—emphasis on Word, encouraged by recognition of men who finish well.
- 25 • Duke Heller—passionate about evangelism, wants to be used more in E training.
- 26 • B. Blackburn—passionate about worship, would like young men to be able to be
- 27 mentored by older men on national boards. Too much emphasis on exegesis. “Think
- 28 less, act more.”
- 29 • J. Haymaker—wants more workshops on making exegesis practical.
- 30 ▪ J. Richards --lot of similarities, commitment to being sensitive to Lord's leading for
- 31 Fellowship, obedience at all costs.
- 32 • Kurt Miller—church planter training/pool, committed to servant evangelism, multi-
- 33 ethnicity.
- 34 • John Shirk—concerned that FGBC recognize and support him/his work, so can
- 35 reproduce in other areas, feels like an experiment.
- 36 • Phil—feel comfortable in Focus groups but not in this large context.
- 37 ▪ B. Combs
- 38 • J. Haller—men's ministry. Help people think, not just go with the flow, come
- 39 alongside pastor. Pastors need to connect with men. Committed to distinctives, deep
- 40 study of Word.
- 41 • Kurt Henman—visionary, 20yr (1200 planting 10 churches), 8 men working to replace
- 42 current board. Choose better leadership for FGBC. Seems confusion about
- 43 NATORGS here for us or us for them. Values: biblical, caring, relevant.
- 44 • D. Allan: vision, are people coming to Christ and are they becoming more like Christ.
- 45 FGBC do: BNYC, short term opportunities, leadership pool, Values: Love
- 46 God/neighbor don't currently characterize our churches—started crying. Greatest
- 47 strength (truth) has somehow paralyzed us.
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- 1 ▪ Tad Hobert
- 2 • S. Distler: planting a Spanish work, soccer fields 100 Spanish kids playing—so trying
- 3 to reach. Value: Literal interpretation. Like to see Youth institute students
- 4 connected with FGBC better.
- 5 • J. Bell: heavy heart because of points of light in Cambodia need on-going training.
- 6 Someone praying for each point of light.
- 7 • W. Lohnes every family going to mission field every 5 years, development of men's
- 8 ministry. FGBC needs to dream again caught back 20 years ago. Men, families,
- 9 church.
- 10 • B. Arnold Will's elder, 3 years in training, then training others. Values: Bible truth,
- 11 connection God/us, right structure with men leading.
- 12 ▪ Dave Mitchell
- 13 • reach people others miss. Values relationships outside of church, being aware of need
- 14 to step out.
- 15 • N. Zakahi, high view of God, commitment to biblical training, commitment to each is
- 16 waning.
- 17 ▪ Jerry Young
- 18 • Mark Norris: FGBC help—impressed what help as church-planter he has already
- 19 received. Values: dynamic worship, fellowship, missions. Cultural impact 4: yes/no
- 20 great variety some churches do and some don't.
- 21 • Lou Husemann: wants to be part of movement that transforms our world. Provide
- 22 resources, church extension, Values: 4 close established values in a decentralize
- 23 system.
- 24 ▪ Jim Custer
- 25 • C. Boehm, heart for pastors' wives, opportunity at conf. Values:
- 26 • J. Minnix, WOG, that every woman know her mission given by God, pastors look
- 27 again and help incorporate WOG into church.
- 28 • N. Denlinger, FGBC provide local short-term theological training (weekly) values:
- 29 Bible, evangelism, prayer –there doesn't seem to be a passion about praying in local
- 30 churches. 2: relationship evangelism, pastors immersed in pastoring so it is hard for
- 31 them to lead in evangelism, too many problems cared for by check.
- 32 • Mike Lee daughter church, Chuck Davis supportive of church planters,
- 33 commitment to raise up new leaders, Blue Ridge district is dying, feel
- 34 alone/disconnected.
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- 36 ▪ Jeff Gill
- 37 • N Bryant—more churches in Canada, new regional mother church on course with 5
- 38 year vision. FGBC help resources, audience—starting to loose momentum in this
- 39 values: Grace orientation, mission minded.
- 40 • W. Marling—Ireland church-planting movement, FGBC help: mentor in European
- 41 culture, Values: more diversity in Fellowship.
- 42 • T. Boal—multiplying church planting movement, training new leaders, change
- 43 paradigm. Values: Word, relationship, cooperative in our mission.
- 44 • E. Waken—Vision church-planting movements, interdependent among churches in
- 45 area. FGBC help: prayed for, supported, energized by changes he sees, more mission
- 46 focused now Values: mission.
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- 1 ▪ Many expressed that they liked the idea that the Fellowship Council was interested in
- 2 them and their mission and ministry.
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- 4 ▪ Jeff instructed members to continue to follow through with interviews missed.
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- 6 ▪ It was expressed as a good idea to have similar assignments at each Conference.
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- 8 ➤ MID YEAR MEETING—Simi Jan 30-(evening) Feb 2 (leaving) done before lunch. This
- 9 will dovetail with So.Cal. Focus Retreat, some can come early to San Juan Capistrano.
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- 11 ➤ Strategy Team Meeting—Nov 4 day retreat for Moderators and consultants in Cambridge
- 12 Ohio (about 11-14th) Sunday night through Wed lunch
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072301-12 MOTION to recommend a Minutes Approval Committee for Conference Minutes
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- 16 ➤ MOTION PREVAILED to appoint a Minutes approval committee for Conference minutes
- 17 consisting of Tom A, Greg H, Charles A
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- 19 ➤ It was asked if we would be able to get into some of the California churches to preach while
- 20 out there. Tom will work with anyone who wants to stay over. Hard to get them to give up
- 21 pulpits.
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- 23 ➤ We said Goodbye to Dan Thornton who goes off with this conference.
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26 ♦ Respectfully submitted,

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29 ♦ Gregory M. Howell

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