

Membership Commission Agenda /Notes

January 10, 2004 – 3:00 PM

By conference call

Commission Members: Ed Waken (chair), Mike Jentes, Dan Gregory, Mike Lee, Tim Boal (from the Leadership Team).

A) New Churches

1) The following applications are in process

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- i) Encuentro Latino (Coatesville OA) – Tim Boal will follow-up
- ii) Crossroads Community Church of Philadelphia (app. received) – Dan Gregory will follow up
- iii) Cocalico Creek Fellowship – Reamstown, PA (app. received) – Ed Waken will follow up.
- iv) Upper Arlington Grace Brethren Church, - Columbus Ohio (in process) – Mike Jentes will follow-up
- v) Cornerstone Grace Brethren Church – Springboro, OH (in process) – Mike Jentes
- vi) Sunbury, OH – Dan Gregory.
- vii) Jesus Munoz Church – Ed Waken
- viii) NE Philadelphia – Brazilian church – Tim Boal
- ix) Rialto – Mosaic – Ed Waken will follow-up

B) Delinquent Churches

1) First draft report will be posted on www.fgbc.org/fc.

- i) Mike Jentes will talk with Ron Boehm
- ii) Ed Waken will contact Gary Austin after Ron is contacted.

C) Cooperating Organization Revisions

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- i) Ideas – find a plan to implement that phases-in increases.
- ii) Announce the change years in advance so people can prepare.

E) “Why Associate Brochure”

1) Dan and Tom have done some work on this. We had planned to distribute in with the handbook but did not get it done in time. The good news is, we will be able to review it as a committee. Dan and Tom meet in 1/5 and will get something to the group after that meeting.

F) New Discussion – See Ed Waken’s “thots”.

- 1) Ed sent a page around to the commission with some ideas for the future.
- 2) Idea – consider regional conference in the mix.
 - i) Do focus retreats regionally on a weekend – coed
 - ii) Look for regions of churches that would support a regional meeting.
- 3) Ed – churches become tribal and protective of their people.
- 4) Dan Gregory – Some of the reason for the loss of district conferences has to do with churches awakening to their responsibility to their local communities. This is a good thing. Dan doubts that people will go to a meeting but they may go to a Missional event. We need to make sure we know how we would measure the meeting. There needs be a historical and visional connection. We can’t know everyone. Perhaps we need to be better at celebrating places where people do work together on mission. Dan does not think it is all bad why some things have evaporated. What does it mean to be Kingdom builders verse building our own tribe?

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G) Unfinished Business from Last Year

H) For Sacramento –

- 1) What is our policy about churches joining the FGBC that are members of other denominations?
- 2) Inactive Status for churches.
- 3) “Why Associate” brochure.
- 4) How to connect churches better?

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