

Church Development and Planning

UPCSA

Committee meeting - 7th April 2010

Midrand Presbyterian Church

1) Welcome

The meeting was opened in prayer by Rev Chris Judelsohn.

2) Present & Apologies

Present: Chris Judelsohn, Margeaux Engelbrecht, Theo Groeneveld, Craig Smith, Lynn Forman, Vusi, Vuyo Mbaru, Mukondi, Moshe

Apologies: Kingsley Dale.

Resignations: Wonke Buqa

- a. Resignation of Stephen van Schalkwyk
Stephen felt he was not able to give of his time the way he would have liked to, he therefore resigned.
- b. Chris Moore moved to East London
Chris has moved, but has asked remain on as a corresponding member.

3) Previous meetings – 21st October 2009 and Conference planning meetings in Dec & Jan.

Chris J still to sort out the minutes from the October meeting. No minutes were taken at the December and January Conference planning meetings.

4) Matters arising:

- a. Website – Theo has done more work on it, but Chris to still do some more work on this. Theo and Chris to make a time and sit down together and sort out the website.
- b. Church Growth Fund – Meeting was held between Chris J, Craig and Robin Twaddle – Attorney. Robin to get hold of the Church of England in South Africa to get more information on the arrangement they have with Standard Bank where the bank offers the Church a loan facility guaranteed by the church's properties. Chris to follow-up on this and to look at possible other way of approach.
- c. Young People's Pastor/Director/Co-ordinator/Leader – Decision was made in October 2009 to take the document and simplify it to offer basic guidelines. Theo offered to read through the document and simplify it. Chris will get hold of Eddie Germiquet and ask for the Ministry Committee to bring this matter to the Assembly. This will be included in our report to Assembly with a request that the Ministry Committee deal with this matter. Chris will e-mail the original document to Theo. Moshe also offered to review the document.
- d. UPCSA Training Academy – take off the agenda for the future.
- e. Assessments for Nuclear & Transitional Congregations. Chris wanted to be reminded of the decision at the October meeting. It was affirmed that we would propose to Assembly that Nuclear and Transitional congregations must pay assessments. It is likely that it will be the minimum amount, but the point is for the new congregations to get into the habit of paying assessments.

- 5) **Zambia Trip** – Chris Judelsohn recently travelled to the Eastern Province of Zambia to visit with the congregations in that Presbytery and meet with the CDE's appointed by that Presbytery. It was a very fulfilling trip. Chris showed a slide presentation.
- a. Training for CDE's
The Synod of Zambia expressed interest in following a similar programme to that of the Presbytery of Zimbabwe in which CDEs are not only trained theologically, but also with sustainability skills so that they are able to support their ministry and uplift the communities in which they serve. Chris to write to the Synod and ask them to put together a proposal, including costs.
 - b. Grants to projects
 - Kapata Church – need to finish their roof structure, it was suggested that R15 000 be given towards this project (Robert Niven Trust).
 - St Peter's Church – open ground, they want to start by clearing the ground and then build a structure; it was suggested that R15 000 be given towards this project (Robert Niven Trust).
 - Vu Church – their roof burnt down, they need to fix it and put down sheeting to stop grass growing through the floor, it was suggested that R15 000 be given towards this project (Robert Niven Trust).
 - With regard to above three churches it was decided that we need to ask them how much money they need to complete these projects and to send us a complete budget. Money would then be allocated.
 - The partnership relationship (suggested in October 2009) was suggested here. Put all their needs and requirements on the CDP website and make an appeal for a more affluent church to partner with them.
 - The committee was very impressed with the project proposal from St Peter's and suggest this as a template for all grant appeals. It will be posted on the website and applying churches and refer to it.
- 6) **Coming Trip to Zimbabwe** - Chris Judelsohn and George Marchinkowski will be travelling to Zimbabwe from the 21st to 23rd of April to train the CDEs with the Bethel Series. Robert Niven Trust grant will be used to fund this training.
- 7) **Presentation at PAT conference**
Chris did a presentation and it went well and two people from this conference are attending the CDP conference in May 2010.
- 8) **Equipping the Local Congregation Conference**
- a. Attendance – Margeaux reported, sitting at about 40 people not including the committee.
 - b. Speakers/Seminar Leaders – Margeaux reported – this is all organised, just to contact Eugene Kloppers.
 - c. Worship – Margeaux reported – Rob Calder is coming and all is organised. He will contact Theo directly regarding any logistics.
 - d. Venue Logistics – Theo will take care of all. Margeaux will get all information and pass onto Theo before the conference.
 - e. Accommodation – Margeaux reported – most people are using the accommodation and the deposit has been paid.
 - f. Liaison – Lynn. Medical kits to be organised and resource table. Lynn to contact all the speakers and ask if they would like any specific books. Lynn to contact

- Augustine Book shop to get books on concession. Chris and Lynn to do a recon of the venue closer to the conference date.
- g. Catering – Chris reported – all organised with Mr Sibanda.
 - h. Registration – to start from 12:00. Vuyo, Margeaux and Susan Hodgeson to assist. Margeaux to contact Susan to arrange.
 - i. Transport – Vusi to co-ordinate. Margeaux to pass on all information to him, closer to conference date.
 - j. Willow Creek – request to share their resources. It was agreed that they can have a 15 minutes slot.
 - k. Chris suggested that the Session and Minister of St John's be asked to lead a plenary session on the transformation the congregation has gone through over the past 5 years. The committee agreed.

9) Applications

- a. Trinity, Edenvale – Assessment Relief
After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed to approve of the Trinity, Edenvale's application for assessment relief for the appointment of Mrs Angela Turner as Youth, Children and Family Worker as of January 2010. However it was noted that the work of the appointed person does not completely constitute new growth work in this area of ministry, i.e. a great deal of the work will be focussed on maintaining the current ministry. This is particularly the case when one considers that the Rev Marchinkowski will be offering a great deal of his time over the next two years in service of the UPCSA as Moderator and therefore less time focussing on his ministry at Trinity. So, although it is intended that Mrs Turner's ministry will lead to growth, the chances are that she will have to focus a great deal of her time on other matters too. In light of this, it was decided to approve the application. However the committee is concerned that there is a lack of clarity on what the committee deems to be a Church Growth appointment, i.e. what percentage of an appointees work needs to be in growing new areas of ministry for the appointment to qualify for assessment relief? This matter will be addressed at a future meeting.
 - b. Garden Route Presby – building
Presbytery approval needs to be given for the project and a break-down of costs and the plans need to be submitted. Chris to write to them.
 - c. Duff Congregation
Vuyo went and took photos end of 2009. Presbytery approval needs to be given for the project and a break-down of costs and the plans need to be submitted. They wanted us to buy the materials for them. Chris to write to them and get more information.
 - d. Mthatha Presbytery – 3 CDE's
They have identified 3 people (who have fulfilled all the requirements) and churches (Church growth projects) to which the CDEs can be appointed. The committee approved of their appointment and the payment of the stipulated grants over the next 3 years.
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| GT Vika | C.Z Menze |
| VV Dipa | N.S Gcilishana |
| Sommerville | W.M Mashalaba |

10) Lay Leader training in 2010

Chris suggested that instead of a conference in 2011, that the committee focus on running Lay Leader training workshops in Presbyteries along the lines that Moshe proposed last year. This matter will be discussed in further detail later this year.

11) Mission and Evangelism Committee of Assembly – relationship to CDP?

- It was noted that the Assembly had appointed a new committee – the Mission Evangelism Committee. Though the work of the committee seems to be focussed on matters other than the CDP committee, lines of communication need to be kept open between the committee to avoid a duplication of work. Chris is a corresponding member of this committee and it was agreed to make the convener of the M & E committee, The Rev Thomson M'kandiwire, a corresponding member of CDP..

12) Next meeting – 2nd June 2010 at 10am at Midrand Presbyterian Church.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed in prayer by Theo at 12:00.