

Church Development and Planning

UPCSA

Committee meeting - 2nd June 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, Lynn Forman, Vusi Mkhungo, Vuyo Mbaru.

Apologies: Craig Smith, Moshe Rajuili

3) Previous meeting: 7th April 2010: minutes accepted.

4) Matters arising:

- a. Website – Chris to draft a letter for Central Office to send out regarding the request for people to submit resources to be listed on the website. The vetting committee: Moshe, Chris & Craig.
- b. Document on Youth Pastors and other Supportive Ministries – Theo handed out.
 - After a fruitful discussion regarding the broader issue of Supportive Ministry in the UPCSA and Youth Pastors in particular, the committee agreed to submit the document to the Assembly as an appendix to our report.
- c. Feedback regarding grants
 - Duff Congregation – Presbytery approval and a quote has been submitted to committee. R15 000 will be granted to them. Margeaux to write to them and let them know and get Bester to pay the money.
 - CDE's Mthatha – to go ahead – Bester to pay.
 - Garden Route Congregation – Chris to write to them.

5) Report on trip to Zimbabwe

- a. Training of CDE's – 27 CDE's.

Chris reported on his trip in April to Harare where he and George Marchinkowski spent three days training 27 CDEs with the Bethel Bible Series. It went very well and it is hoped that in 2011 the remaining 12 CDEs will also be trained with using the Bethel Material.

6) Equipping the Local Congregation Conference

- a. Attendance

113 registered, committee and seminar leaders =120 people. 10 didn't arrive.
- b. Speakers/Seminar Leaders

Archbishop Orombi was excellent, very humble and pastored the group. All the resources that were given were also very good and these to be put onto website.
- c. Worship

Rob Calder, the worship was very well handled by Rob and he needs to be commended.
- d. Venue Logistics

Went very well. St Mark's, Waverley, to be considered as a possible venue next time.

- e. Accommodation
Excellent, all were very happy.
- f. Book table
R4020 worth of books sold. Excellent response.
- g. Catering
Jimmy Sibanda – did well. Try less Eurocentric foods next time.
- h. Registration
Some tried not to pay. Care must be given in the future not simply to hand out bursaries. Nonetheless it went well and Susan handled it excellently.
- i. Transport
Vusi reported that the airport runs were a lot of work. The buses and shuttle went very well.
- j. Programme
 - The banquet was not the best use of time and so attention must be given to what must be done on the first day.
 - We must investigate the possibility of recording all sessions next time, not just the plenary sessions.
 - Feedback/Evaluation form to be handed out in the future.

7) Applications for grants

- a. Kidston Mission – Idutywa
They have submitted everything, Presbytery approval, quote, etc. A R12 000 grant will be given. Margeaux to write to Kidston and ask that a report and photo be submitted on completion of the project. Vuyo to do inspection.
- b. Buy-out grants – Tshwane.
Theo presented an application from the Presbytery of Tshwane for buy-out grants on behalf of the Thumedi Makgahlela congregation. This congregation has 4 outstations spread throughout the Presbytery and it is envisaged that all 4 will leave the main station and either become nuclear congregations or merge with other existing congregations. It is confirmed that the Pretoria Central outstation will become a nuclear congregation and the Witbank outstation will merge with the Phola congregation. The committee approved buy-out grants for these two outstations. The plans with the Brits and Hammanskraal outstations are still in the negotiation stage and so the committee agreed to buy-out grants for these two outstations, but the money will be released only once the negotiations are complete.
- c. The Presbytery of Tshwane also queried whether Frikkie Botha's status as Probation will affect the CDE grant the Premier Mine congregation receives for his appointment as CDE? No, the CDE grant remains in place until the appointment runs out at the end of 2011.

8) Partnering of congregations using website

- A proposed partnering of congregations using the website was discussed. The committee was very happy with the proposal and though it will be mentioned in the Assembly report, there are a few matters that need to be addressed and so the project will not be launched immediately.

9) Lay Leader training in 2010 – next meeting – carried over

- 10) **Church Growth Fund – next meeting – carried over**
- 11) **Report to Assembly:** Chris to take to Assembly, but will forward to all first.
 - a. **Conference feedback**
 - b. **Youth Pastors/Supportive Ministries**
 - c. **Website**
 - i. **Partnering of congregations**
 - ii. **Resources**
 - d. **Grants Given** – look at success stories
 - e. **Assessments for Nuclear & Transitional Congregations**
 - f. **Zam & Zim trips**
 - g. **CDE's**
 - h. **Presbytery Lay Leader Training** (ask Presbytery's to invite us)
- 12) **Other Business:**
 - a. Chris was asked to approach the Rev Ndoda Mbuyisa to see if he is willing to serve on the committee.
- 13) **Next meeting – 1st September 2010 at 10am at Midrand Presbyterian Church.**

With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed in prayer by Theo at 12:08.