

Church Development and Planning

UPCSA

Committee meeting – 17th November 2010

Midrand Presbyterian Church

1) Welcome

The meeting was opened in prayer and the reading of Phil 4, by Rev Chris Judelsohn.

2) Present & Apologies

Present: Chris Judelsohn, Margeaux Engelbrecht, Theo Groeneveld, Craig Smith, Moshe Rajuili.

Apologies: Lynn Forman

Absent: Mukondi Ramulondi, Vusi Mkhungo, Vuyo Mbaru

3) Previous meeting: 1st Sept 2010: minutes accepted.

4) Matters arising:

- a. Website – letter to UPCSA regarding resources – Chris to sort out before the end of year/early new year.

5) Budget update: Available funds for 2010 - ±R70 000.

6) Applications

- a. St James' – Zwide
 - All the requirements were met
 - R250 000 needed for project
 - R15 000 grant given
 - Margeaux to request payment with Bester
- b. Newcastle
 - Committee needs a sketch, budget and bank details
 - R15 000 will be paid subject to above
- c. Kagiso
 - Presbytery approval is still required
 - Subject to approval and on the condition that the money is used for the building – a grant will be awarded
- d. Protea Valley
 - Their needs far outweigh our resources. Nonetheless, R15 000 will be granted.
 - It will be suggested that they apply with Church Development Trust. Chris to contact the Rev Brent Russell in this regard.
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- e. Somerville
 - Chris to write back: what are the requirements and we will consider it next year
 - Send through a quote on official company letterhead
 - Need Presbytery approval
 - Assessment clearance required (see note below)

- f. Zambia and Zimbabwe 2011 grants
 - ZAMBIA - A request for R108 000 was received for grants for 26 CDES which includes the purchase of 20 bicycles for the CDEs. This will be paid in the new year.
 - ZIMBABAWA – the budgeted figure for the CDE grants for 2011 is R90 000 and this will be paid in the new year.
- **NOTE: It was agreed that in the future all those applying for building/property grants will need to get a letter from their Presbytery and from the Central Office that they have contributed towards assessments in the previous 12 months. Chris to email Sasha Marchinkowski in this regard.**

7) Church Development Forum – 2011

- a. It was agreed that the CDF should meet at least 4 times a year for at least 3 hours, but not at the same time as the Presbytery meeting (which is currently stipulated in the Manual).
- b. These meetings should be structured in the following way:
 - i. Feedback from the previous meeting and actions taken.
 - ii. Input from the CDF booklet
 - iii. Discussion using questions in the CDF booklet with the intention of applying what has been discussed in each participants unique circumstances
- c. Presbytery Conveners will be asked to report back to this committee on the progress of their meetings.
- d. The CDF booklet is almost complete with the following ‘chapters’ having already been written – What is Church Growth (Chris); God’s empowering presence (Lynn); Spiritual Disciplines (Theo); Effective and Accountable administration (Craig); Stewardship (Craig); Preaching & Sacraments (Moshe); Ethics (Moshe), Self Leadership (Theo).
 - i. The following ‘chapters’ are still to be completed – Worship (Theo); Learning and growing in community (Theo); Loving and Caring relationships (Vusi); Servant leadership development (Craig); Out-Reach & Evangelism (Chris); The wider body of Christ – ecumenism (Chris); Understanding your Neighbourhood/context (Moshe)
- e. The booklet will be made available to all ministers.

8) Convener’s Conference – 10,11,12 May

- a. The focus for 2011 with regards training will be the CDP Presbytery Convener’s conference.
- b. It is suggested that it be held at the Jacaranda Lodge – both the accommodation and conference venue.
- c. Margeaux will get the contact information from Clerk’s of presbytery of all the Presbytery CDP conveners so that they can be invited to attend early in the new year.
- d. The program will be finalised at the committee meeting in February but the following has been mentioned –
 - i. Training on the Church Development Forum, i.e. the booklet and the skill of effectively facilitating the meetings.
 - ii. Raising awareness on the partnering of congregations/projects

- iii. Raising awareness on the sharing resources project to be facilitated through the website.
- iv. Familiarising the conveners with the requirements for CDEs
- v. Sharing the committee's passion and vision for Thinking and Doing Church Growth
- vi. Discussing the current categorisation of congregations and how this can be made more accessible, understandable and user friendly.
- vii. Offer spiritual/teaching input for those attending with a study on Acts 2 or Acts 17

9) CDE training in Zimbabwe and Zambia 2011

- a. Chris has been invited to repeat next year the 2010 CDE training in Bethel that took place in Harare. He will arrange with the Presbytery of Zimbabwe a suitable date.

10) Partnering of congregations using website

- a. To be discussed at the next meeting when finalising the conference program.

11) Lay Leader training in 2011 – held over.

12) Church Growth Fund – Held over.

13) Invitations:

- a. Amatola Prebytery – The Amatola Presbytery has invited the Committee to visit with them and help them establish the CDF in that Presbytery. Chris and Moshe will travel to East London (probably in March 2011) to facilitate this.

14) Joint meeting of Min Com, CDP and Mission & Evangelism

- a. At the assembly it was suggested that the above committee's meet to discuss a number of matters, notably the issue of Youth Pastors and the place of Supportive Ministries in the UPCSA. Chris will e-mail Eddie Germiquet in this regard to set up a meeting. Theo and Craig expressed interest in attending that meeting with Chris and Moshe.

15) 2011 meeting dates – 16th Feb, 13th April, 20th July, 19th Oct