

# Church Development and Planning

## UPCSA

### Committee meeting – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2011

#### Midrand Presbyterian Church

#### 1) Welcome

The meeting was opened in prayer and the reading of Eph 2v11, by Rev Chris Judelsohn.

#### 2) Present & Apologies

**Present:** Chris Judelsohn, Margeaux Engelbrecht, Theo Groeneveld, Craig Smith, Moshe Rajuili, Lynn Forman, Brent Russell, Vuyo Mbaru, Vusi Mkhungo.

**Absent:** Mukondi Ramulondi, Ndoda Mbuyisa.

#### 3) Previous meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> November 2010: minutes accepted.

#### 4) Matters arising:

- a. Website – letter to UPCSA regarding shared resource centre – A letter has been sent out from Central Office. It was suggested that the committee send out a 6 monthly reminder to all ministers and congregations.

#### 5) Applications

Last Quarter 2010:

- a. St James' – Zwide – A thank you was received.
- b. Newcastle – Chris awaiting the requirements.
- c. Kagiso - Chris awaiting the requirements.
- d. Protea Valley – R15 000 paid.
- e. Somerville – Chris to check up on this.
- f. Zambia and Zimbabwe 2011 grants – R108 000 and R90 000 paid – we've had a response from both and have requested a picture of the 20 bicycles.
- g. Vuyo showed the photos of Duff and Kidston.

First Quarter 2011:

- a. St Thomas', Temba (R15 000), (Hammanskraal) – grant approved conditional on quotes and Presbytery approval. Photos shown by Vuyo.
- b. St Luke's – Hoopstad – Chris to write to them to explain the requirements and that R15 000 is the most given.

#### 6) Church Development Forum – 2011

- a. Booklet
  - Theo} see previous minutes, still to complete
  - Vusi} still to complete
  - Craig – Complete
  - Chris} still to complete
  - Moshe} still to complete
- b. Training in Amatola Presbytery – 12<sup>th</sup> March – Chris and Moshe are going. All complete by the end of next week.

- c. Lekoa Presbytery – Hugh Grant – has asked for similar training. Moshe is going in May.

## **7) Convener's Conference – 10,11,12 May**

- a. Venue – Jacaranda Lodge – confirmed and paid deposit.
- b. Programme – various suggestions were made listed below. The final program will be approved at the meeting in April
  - i. The work of the Committee – what we do – linked to CDE: training, expectations, etc. (equipping the conveners to get the congregation to talk church growth).
  - ii. Training on the Church Development Forum: meetings, content, etc – (Amatola – what, who, content).
  - iii. Partnering of congregations and projects program – flesh out.
  - iv. The Shared Resource Centre – talking about and contributing.
  - v. CDE: training, expectations, grants, etc.
    - Linked to work of the committee
    - Raise up CDE rules and regulations
    - Stated supply – how does this fit in and can be best utilised?
    - We need to become a “UNISA” for CDE’s
    - Create a “road map” for CDE’s, give directions. Theo
    - Ask Petson and Matorofa on how they train and equip their CDE’s – to learn from them
  - vi. Thinking and Doing Church Growth Discussion.
  - vii. Categories of congregations and how this can be made more accessible, understandable and user friendly – have a discussion on what do they think is important, etc.
  - viii. Teaching Acts 2 & 17 – about an hour teaching. Pentecost and the early church and growing communities. Input please.
- c. Attendance – Rod Botsis.
- d. Transport – Vusi and Lynn – airport.

## **8) CDE training in Zimbabwe and Zambia 2011**

- a. Zim Presbytery invite – Chris has been invited to train Bethel again with Neil Meyer. This will take place in the second half of 2011.

## **9) Partnering of congregations using website**

- Theo suggested: double loop
- Difference between just giving and partnering – LANGUAGE is key and understanding
- A congregation get permission from Presbytery to place their needs and projects on the website.
- CDP committee puts details, including pics on the website.
- Individual and congregations can look on the website and identify possible projects to get involved in.
- The donors make offers of involvement, i.e. finance or in kind or visitations etc.
- This must be communicated to the Presbytery for accountability.
- The donor and recipient report back to CDP committee and update the website.
- We need to be sure to avoid a dependency syndrome.
- Mention was made of KIVA – micro lending

10) **Lay Leader training in 2011 – Postponed.** – to be taken off the agenda for the moment.

11) **Church Growth Fund**

- Christian Development Trust (CDT) – Chris has been appointed as a director and will be attending the next meeting and get information on how they manage their funds and loans.
- Chris to ask Robin Twaddle to get information from CESA (Church of England in South Africa) and their arrangement of a loan facility with Standard Bank and the requirements to be met for a loan approval.
- Brent requested to be kept in the loop and he will assist where he can.

12) **Supportive Ministries**

- a. Joint meeting of Min Com, CDP and Mission & Evangelism
- Chris would contact Eddie Germiquet to set up a meeting ASAP.
- Steve Dunnett and Brendan Ash to be invited to participate

13) **Budget**

- a. Robert Niven grant for 2011 – Chris reported that the 2011 grant was R110 000 which was more than expected. These funds will be used for property grants and the upcoming conference.
- b. Budget for 2012 – Chris reported that the 2012 budget would be tabled at the end of March.
- c. Chris reported that Cliff Leeuw had still not come back to him with regards the pension contributions of the former RPC evangelists.

14) **Committee Structures**

- a. Chris reported that a new committee structure for the UPCSA had been approved and will come into effect in July 2012. The 65 current committees will be reduced to 12. The work of the CDP committee will now be incorporated into a new Mission and Discipleship committee. This committee will also include the current Mission and Evangelism, Maintenance of the Ministry, Children's Ministry and Stewardship.

15) **Next Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2011 at 10:00 at Midrand Presbyterian Church.**

With no further business to discuss the meeting was closed in prayer by Chris at 12:25.