

Minutes
Natural Church Development Meeting
January 4, 2009 12:15 p.m.

Attending: Pastor Jacobson, Jana Abbott, Tom Yingling, Joan Bowen, John Buckner, Mike Honas, Joy Leimer, Jeremy Koehler, Zoe Hoyle, and Anna Flynn.

Jana Abbott called the meeting to order and led the NCD team in opening prayer.

Copies of the pamphlet describing Natural Church Development were made available to the NCD team for their review and reference throughout the course of our work.

Jana provided an overview and summary from our meeting with Pr. Dale, identifying the starting point for our work – attempting to discern what “Loving Relationships” means to the congregation and arrive at common meanings or recurrent themes, if any. To reach this point in the process, we discussed methods that could be used in the first step of gathering information and feedback from the membership. The NCD team also discussed how to frame the questions to the congregation in soliciting their feedback.

It was decided that 2 questions would be posed to gather information and feedback on Loving Relationships:

(1) What does “Loving Relationships” mean to you personally?

(2) Why do you think Gloria Dei scored low on the “Loving Relationships” characteristic?

(Note: The questions are deliberately open-ended and phrased so as not to pre-determine or define the parties to or parameters of the “relationship”)

Information and feedback will be gathered, at a minimum, over the course of the next two months, as follows:

(1) Congregational Annual Meeting on January 25, 2009

(2) Christian Education Hour on February 22, 2009 in conjunction with Stephen Ministry program

(3) Blast e-mail to members in between the January and February dates above

(4) An intentional meeting with the middle school and high school youth during the Sunday School hour or on Wednesday night youth group.

Jana will lead the exercise at the annual meeting and Zoe will assemble supplies; Mike will coordinate the blast e-mail with Cathy in the church office; Joan will lead exercises with the youth and the adult education on February 22.

The team discussed holding prize drawings at the meetings gathering feedback to generate interest, participation, and excitement for the NCD process. At the annual meeting, the prize drawing will be for a dinner with Pastor Jacobson. Anna will coordinate the prize drawing at the annual meeting and present other prize ideas at the next NCD meeting for the remaining occasions we are gathering feedback.

The next NCD meeting will be February 1 at 12:15 p.m. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jana D. Abbott