

Grace Transition Team
November 23, 2009

In attendance: Charlie Lehardy, Steve Peterson, Rick Sims, Dan Wittenberg,
Deb Peterson, Cindy Baker, Jim Heddles, Meta Mason, Michelle Fleming

1. Charlie opened the meeting with a reading from 2 Corinthians 8:1-9. He reminded us that God has blessed us abundantly and we reflected on recognizing His blessings and the richness we have been given in Christ.
2. A brief discussion on the Congregational meeting and all wanted to emphasize our confidence in and support of Pastor Jed.
3. The minutes from the 11/17 meeting were reviewed and approved.
4. The Communications Subgroup (Rick, Deb and Cindy) gave an update:
 - a) Rick reminded us that the Communications subgroup is there to facilitate communication but they welcome and would appreciate help and input from the whole GTT.
 - b) The group reminded the GTT they are a resource to the whole group as well as all subgroups.
 - c) They informed the team that they will be bringing a camera to the next meeting (on 12/1) to take pictures of the GTT for a bulletin insert/communication tool to the congregation.
5. Discussion took place regarding a possible candidate. This led to an in-depth discussion on what we are looking for in an interim pastor and how we can communicate this to Alan Forsman. Charlie will ask Alan what other churches have done to help bring candidates to the table in conjunction with what Alan does.
6. A lengthy discussion on what we as a group could do to help bring potential Interim Pastoral candidates for consideration while Alan continues to bring his candidates forward. The following assignments were volunteered.
 - Meta – will follow up online with Pastoral head-hunter website
 - Rick – will contact Carver Nixon
 - Deb – will talk with Pastor Dan from Eastside Covenant as well as Fred Heinrich. She will also talk with contacts from several other Covenant Churches in the PSW Conference.
 - Jim – will talk with John Reed (SBCC)
 - Michelle – will talk with Harry Tuck about resources he knows about from St. Andrews.
 - Charlie will get in touch with John Reed and Carver Nixon to invite them to a future meeting to get their input and ideas.
7. Set future meetings - 12/1, 12/8, 12/15.
8. Charlie asked who was interested in being a part of the Church Body subgroup; Dan, Steve and Michelle all were interested and it was determined they would, at this time, make up that group. They will meet before the next GTT meeting to begin work on what the approach/plan will be to begin to gather info from the congregation as well as beginning to look at the church profile.
9. The Church Ministry subgroup will be determined at a later date as it was agreed upon that this was not an immediate need.
10. A productive discussion took place and a list was made of the key things we were looking for in an Interim Pastor. Charlie will compile the list for us to reference as we look at candidates.

Next Meeting: December 1, 2009 7:00pm. – Don't forget, pictures will be taken!