

CHURCH HEALTH, Board of
Via Google Hangouts - October 29, 2013

Members Present: Cory Engel, Marc Johnson, Fred Rodda, Loren Eder, Bryan Baker, Steve Strutz, Joe Moutria

Cory Engel opened the meeting with a reminder that the Board of Church Health exists to help Churches in their efforts to get healthy and stay healthy.

2013 HIGHLIGHTS

- NCD (Natural Church Development) has continued to be a useful tool for our Conference Churches that are seeking to understand their health and move toward greater health. Many of our conference churches have made NCD a regular part of their ministry thinking, and the results of growing, healthy, and prevailing churches are evident.
- PeaceMakers is a Discipleship program designed to help Christians resolve conflict in a Biblical and God honoring way. In the past several years, Peacemakers has been a helpful asset in helping Churches work through areas of conflict in a way that is redemptive. As our Churches make a commitment to disciple people in the principles of Biblical Peacemaking, not only do Churches experience less conflict, but the Church has the framework to resolve the conflict that may arise in a healthy, and redemptive way.
- Starting in January of this year, we teamed up with an organization called Auxano to test a process called a co:Lab. This process is designed to help a church discover and develop their unique vision framework in which ministry flows. We had 8 different ministries engage in the process, and the feedback has been extremely positive. This new tool will certainly be of value to any Church, at any level, who desires vision clarity of all levels of their ministry.

ACTION ITEMS

WHEREAS the Natural Church Development process can be greatly amplified through coaching, and **WHEREAS** we have a limited number of trained NCD coaches within our Conference available to assist churches through the NCD process, **BE IT RESOLVED** that we budget \$3000 in 2014 for the express purpose of training two new NCD coaches, selected from strategic locations in our conference, in order to make NCD coaching more readily available to every conference church that desires coaching through the NCD process.

WHEREAS we see the importance of Churches equipping their people with the tools to resolve conflict Biblically, **BE IT RESOLVED** that we communicate to every conference Church about the tool "Resolving Everyday Conflict" and how it can help establish a culture of biblical peacemaking in their churches. **BE IN FURTHER RESOLVED** that we budget \$500 to assist Churches who need help purchasing the materials for implementation in their churches.

WHEREAS the Denomination is currently covering the full salary of the Harvest Director position, **BE IT RESOLVED** that we no longer include Support for that position in the budget for 2014.

Because the Auxano co:Lab was such a valuable process for those who participated, we all agreed that we should continue to make this tool available to our Churches that may have interest. We also would like to explore different options with Mike Gammill (Our Auxano co:Lab facilitator) in order to possibly field test a co:Lab experience via Video Conferencing. This may also allow us to export this tool into some of the other Conferences that may have interest in the Auxano process.

A grant request was received from Living Water (Billings) for the consideration of releasing funds to support them in a relocation phase that will be upon them in a few short months. It was agreed upon to prayerfully consider this request until Annual Conference, and then to meet together to address the request formally.

6020	Contract Services	\$2,000
	<i>Auxano (\$2000)</i>	
6050	Grants	18,000
	<i>Peacemaking Grants (\$500)</i>	
	<i>Fresh Start Grants (\$17,500)</i>	
6080	Miscellaneous	\$750
6180	Training/Education	\$8,250
	<i>Training (\$2750)</i>	
	<i>NCD Coaching Training (\$3000)</i>	
	<i>NCD Surveys (\$2500)</i>	
	Total	\$29,000

Submitted by
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