

Report on the Joint Board Visioning Retreat of 2008

General Goals:

- Update ACS for better record Keeping in Church Office
- Prepare a new "Intro" to the Church, for both online and offline distribution. (The old one is dated in many ways.)
- Continue to Develop Sunday School Options, Such as the Pastors "Thru The Bible in a Year" Class
- Ramp Up our Marriage Enrichment Program
- Continue to Research a Ministry for People Undergoing Divorce & Separation. Use this ministry as outreach into the Community
- Plan a Celebration for the Retirement of our Mortgage in the Late Spring/Early Summer of 2009
- Continue to Plan for Returning the Staff to Full Strength
- Develop & Publish a "Catalog of Tasks Jobs to Be Done, Etc."
- Develop a Spiritual Gifts & Acquired Talents Survey to help match people with Tasks
- Develop a Seniors Ministry as Opposed to a Seniors Program
- Develop a Technology Committee & Launch by January of 2009

Worship

- Focus more on visitors
- Continue to Think Outside the Box More Communion Services, Etc.
- Maintain a careful check on demographics & attitudes through developing a survey

Discipleship Education & Preparation for Ministry

- Hold Grief Share Classes During Lent
- Continue to Plan College Age Summer Classes
- Continue ESL
- Offer "Thru the Bible" (Video for Future Use)
- Continue to work towards, "Bethel Bible or ***Equivalent.***"
- Marriage Enrichment

Disciples at Work: Serving Christ Within and Without

- Set up a Bulletin Board online and offline where tasks are matched with gifted people
- Continue to Develop & Match Gifts of Members to Tasks that need doing

The Use of Technology to Achieve our Goals

- Establish a Technology Committee
- Work toward Pod Casting More Events & Service---Lovefeasts of 2009
- Develop & Publish a Method for Receiving On-Line Contributions
- Develop & Publish a Method for People to "Opt-Out" of the hard copy Newsletter and "Opt-In" to receiving it (or notification of its publication) online

Marketing our Church and its Program

- Target Preschool Families---Cookout for Parents, Direct Mailings, Etc.
- Recognize and Follow Up Visitors
- Target Neighborhoods where we already have a strong presence
- Investigate acquiring "address-list" for New Residents
- Develop a Method of Rewarding Visitors (Chicken Pie, Candle, Etc.)

Dear Friends:

This is a brief report of our conversations in on August 16.. Of course, we will continue to work toward all the goals specified in "The Tactical Vision for New Philadelphia Moravian Church."

If you wish to add any information, especially to the list of "tasks" that begins on page 3, please send an email to pastor@newphilly.org.

Blessings!

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The Work of the Church

Here is a list of the Jobs that always need doing at New Philly.

WORSHIP:

Sound System Engineers
Ushers
Greeters
Closers (Lock-up Church)
Funeral Workers
(Ushers/Pallbearers)
Ushers/Sound Engineers for
Weddings
Musicians
Counters (Count Offering)
Nursery Workers
Children's Church Worship Leaders
Leaders for Kids Of Faith
Dieners
Candle-Makers/Candle-Trimmers
Coffee Makers
Dishwashers
Sacristans
Flowers

DISCIPLESHIP/EDUCATION:

Teachers
Superintendents
Curriculum Developers/Authors
Gatekeepers
Set-Up Crews
Clean-Up Crews
Nursery/Childcare Workers
VBS Workers: Decorators, Food,
Crafts, Teachers, Music
General Volunteers
Publicity People
Meal Planners
Grief Share Hosts
Marriage Enrichment Hosts

MINISTRY:

Caregivers (Elderly, Ill)
Visitors (Visit New Members, etc.)
Transportation Workers
Baby Sitters
Yard Workers

Prayer Chain Participants
Tape Ministry Participants
(Reproduce & Deliver tapes of our
services)
Mission Workers (Gulf Coast,
Overseas, Indiana, Laurel Ridge
Mission Camp)
Unity Prayer Watch Participant
Committee Member
Seniors Ministry
Women's Fellowship
Youth Fellowship/Youth Committee
Men's Fellowship, Prepare Meal,
Give Devotion

FELLOWSHIP:

Basketball
Movie Night
Ice Cream Social
Dinner Clubs
Family Day At Laurel Ridge
Sunday School Activities
Pie Making
Candles
Easter Egg Hunt
Youth Events
Congregational Meals

OUTREACH:

VBS
Open Door Lunch
Mission Trips
Lovefeast
Sunnyside Ministry
Samaritan Inn (1st Monday of Each
Month--Prepare Supper)
South Fork Elementary Volunteer
English Second Language Class
(Participate in or host class)
Host for Provincial Functions
Host for Special Events like the
Beth Moore Simulcast
AA Meetings
Volunteer in the Pre-School, Cubs
or Boy Scouts