

**Centennial Covenant Discernment Team Meeting #4**  
(by Valerie Weyand)

2/22/07

In attendance: Jim Reiner, Steve Thulson, Becky Holmlund, Myrna Beblavi, Leslie Good, Jeff Warren, Valerie Weyand. Absent: Jon Hardin, Mark Bradley

**Reflection and Worship - Acts 1:1**

**Faith Stories**

Leslie and Becky shared faith stories, how they came to Centennial and what they value about the church. Each shared how she discerns God' direction in her life.

**Previous Minutes**

Minutes of 2/15/07 were corrected and approved. Corrections will be made and the minutes published.

**Congregational Feedback**

No feedback reported.

**Discussion**

Foundation questions in notebook: looking at the foundational statements of our church and reflecting on them. Do we continue to affirm them?

These appear to be a combination of mission and world view and partially "Aims."

Christ as authority - we agree that Jesus is the foundation.

Scripture is authoritative.

Covenant heritage, acceptance of universal orthodox creeds - these are affirmed.

Review of Constitution - congregation has authority; Council is elected by the congregation; questions have come up in Council about if there should be additional leadership or change in form of council or leadership to be more effective.

Council, Nominating Committee, and Staff are elected by congregation; members approve membership.

Council has been concerned that when they get bogged down with issues or agenda items, it may limit the spiritual and/or numerical growth. Do we need to look at our structure to insure that both administrative and spiritual needs of the congregation are met?

How do we look at growth: spiritual vs numeric?

What do we believe the Lord values?

What do we really prize about this church and how do we preserve those things?

Does growth necessarily compromise what we prize?

The things that lead to numerical growth can cause us to lose what's good about CCC.

How do we do both: encourage growth and keep relationships and other important components that make us "us"?

A challenge we face is dealing with turnover. Average stay is three years prior to leaving in town. Reasons for leaving were varied with the most common response being, "I couldn't get connected." To respond to this, how can we maximize our connections with people, recognizing that not everyone will be called to be a part of CCC?

### **Next Meetings:**

March 10<sup>th</sup> 8:30 - 11:00 a.m.

March 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

April 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

April 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

May 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

May 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: discuss Covenant Affirmations Statement, Constitution and Bylaws and expressions of CCC's identity and mission.

Jim closed in prayer.