

Discernment Team Meeting #19

October 4, 2007, 7:00 – 9:30 pm

(Minutes by Leslie Good)

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

Absent: Jon Hardin

Meditation and prayer focused on John 6.

Previous Minutes: Minutes of September 27 were reviewed and approved.

Congregational Feedback:

Feedback received after Sunday's meeting with the congregation was largely positive. Some felt that we should have emphasized how much there was to celebrate from the results of the first series of Conversations. Steve will try to incorporate this in his messages on Galatians.

Concern has been expressed by some about the possibility that feedback in the next series of Conversations may be hurtful. Also, some are concerned that more action hasn't come out of the team's work thus far. Other feedback has been appreciative of the process, with encouragement to continue working as God leads to discern His direction for Centennial.

Discussion:

Discussion focused on the upcoming second phase of Centennial Conversations, which will look at opportunities and challenges facing Centennial. Goal is to have a healthy conversation within an atmosphere of trust. Process should facilitate the sharing of concerns and challenges and make sure all individuals are heard.

Various ways to structure the Conversations were discussed, including meeting with existing small groups and ministry teams, using an electronic survey, or asking small group leaders to gather information and then meet with us. Timing questions: How much time do we sense God wants us to spend on this process? Should we begin soon or after the holiday season?

Steve asked that at the end of the process we examine whether Centennial has the resources needed to accomplish the plans God has for us.

Next meeting date:

October 18, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.