

**Discernment Team Meeting #20
October 18, 2007**

Attending: Steve Thulson, Valerie Weyand (recording), Myrna Beblavi, Leslie Good, Becky Holmlund, Jeff Warren, Jon Hardin, Jim Reiner, Mark Bradley.

Meeting opened with prayer for one another and our listening to God together.

Review of Previous Minutes

Minutes from Meeting #19 (10/4/07) were reviewed and approved. Minutes from #17 (9/13/07) will be reviewed and approved via email.

Congregational Feedback: None

Discussion:

Discussion began with questions that we might use to prayerfully ask God both individually and together what our greatest hopes and dreams are for CCC, our concerns and disappointments, and opportunities we see. As we go through these questions and share our responses together, we expect it to be helpful in clarifying our own perspectives and in determine what would be most helpful in gaining this input from people in the congregation. Writing out responses to these questions prior to discussion will help us be prayerful and reflective.

Further discussion focused on the process for the congregation to participate in this stage. Consideration was given to gaining congregational input simultaneously to our individual responses and team sharing to expedite this stage, however, by sharing reflections within the team first, and determining the effectiveness (or lack thereof) of the questions and our shared reflections, it would better inform and frame a method of gathering further input. Questions that were discussed included:

- How do people get prepared for coming together for this?
- How can this be done efficiently?
- Would it be most helpful to ask for written responses first so that those could be categorized by theme and plan for further input on those topics?

We anticipate that we will have a better sense of the “answers” to these questions following our own sharing of personal responses in the coming weeks.

All members agreed to prayerfully bring the questions before God, to write up reflections and leadings, to ferret out any personal issues that may come to the surface, and to come back together to share responses. We anticipate that, though risky, honest sharing of our responses will be used by God to direct us toward confession, rejoicing, action, and further prayer.

Meeting closed with prayer.