



Tactical Teams-Funding/Facilities/Location/Place

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Zoom Meeting

People Present: Terrell McTyer, Selena Reyes, Rick Reisinger, Bernice Rivera, Jeff Zimmerman, Rosario Ibarra

Video Playback: <https://youtu.be/BCN58zQLqgE>

- Terrell reviewed the complexity of the team.
 - Talking about funding the new church movement.
 - The way new churches fund and finance themselves.
 - The role that facilities play in this whole thing and the evolution of facilities.
- Terrell will go through notes of the vision statement and then will move into mission work.
- Bernice clarified if they were talking about funding the NCM office or a church from the ground up and Terrell says it encompasses all.
- Terrell also clarified that when he says the new church movement, he is talking about the new churches within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).
- Rick talked about how money is raised and what is raised for may need to change.
- Terrell reviewed the Vision-In 2025, we will... section of the shared document.
- Terrell brought up adding the statement that Rick made earlier and the statement: Better understanding the specific funding needs of new congregations, regions and NCM was added. Then Rick talked about also adding what are the new ways that this will be done.
- Also added the statement: Motivate the whole church to participate more in the funding of the new church movement.
- Discussed not having the right financial support for those that come to Terrell and indicate they want to start a church.
- Also added the statement: Explore new region-based granting models.
- Discussed one of the items listed in this section, which was Change the culture relating to...

- Selena-Change the culture relating to individualized ministry. Talked about having new churches working more with the region and the general church for support. Terrell adjusted the bullet point to say Change the culture relating to a more collectivistic, collaborative way of functioning.
- Terrell added the bullet point, Shift our relationship with stewardship from survival to abundance thinking and theology.
- Bernice elaborated and the bullet point, Shift from hoarding/Keeping to sharing. Along with, Shift the way the Church views the importance of the new church movement and the local congregations' missions.
- Rick talked about changing the thinking of growth and abundance, so the bullet point, Shift the culture thinking about the ole local congregations play in sustainability of the Church by forming or investing in new church development.
- Rosario talked about churches needing to think about their legacy.
- Jeff talked about the need to explain why something should be a priority. He also discussed the locale of Disciples churches currently and the desire to increase presence into larger cities rather than smaller, rural areas in the Midwest and Southwest, where they are currently located. Talked about we are all in this together and changing the mindset so that everyone thinks we all must work together to move New Church forward.
- Rick talked about having a church wide strategy. And how to close a church and leave a legacy.
- Focused on Mission and did this by asking questions and looked at the challenges.
 - Funding Model
 - Show we work on the wealth of individuals that contribute to the whole? (Added by Terrell)
 - Do we continuing using this model? (Added by Rosario)
 - How are other denominations and networks raising money? (Added by Terrell)
 - How do we encourage individuals to give out of their current and accumulated income/wealth? (Added by Jeff)
 - Funding a church is very difficult.
 - Jeff talked about having the regions recruit development officers.

- Jeff talked about helping with things like health insurance for church planters, the bullet point that was added, What other means do we have to support congregations and leaders other than money (insurance, asset sharing, pension, bookkeeping, etc).
- Previous new church funding methodologies no longer working was combined with funding model.
 - Bernice pointed out that the education part was missing.
- Lack of funding is a system issue (threats)
 - Jeff talked about capital campaigns and how a portion goes to the general church due to established agreements. The bullet point, What stands in the way of raising money and running capital campaigns was added because of this.
 - Rick talked about if CCF can be helpful with funding across the region.
- Funding the New Church Movement while also funding congregations and how can established church help to fund the New Church Movement.
 - Selena talked about in the past how if a congregation sold a property then a percentage would go back to the region, Rick stated this is exclusive to Florida. Selena talked about some money going back to New Church. Rosario talked about how this should be listed in the covenant.
 - Selena talked about education around the covenant and how to unite the congregations that are nesting in a closing congregation and how they can continue life.
- Who is missing from the table?
 - Terrell feels the same people are missing as before.
 - New Church Regional Ministers would be beneficial to have on the team.
 - Talked about having a rep from CCF and Pension Fund.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Terrell L. McTyer'.

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