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## OFLC Leadership Meeting Minutes

**Attending: Pr. Melanie Lichtenberg; Anthony Wold; Rachel Baccam; Rick Fuglie; Julie Vergin; Pr. Cathy Jones; Paul Bolstad; Diane Mutterer; Gail Swanson; Ruth Durand; Diane Dorrell; Lynn Greseth; Guest: Pastor Craig**

TOPIC	FACILITATOR	NOTES	FOLLOW UP TASKS
Devo	Diane		
House Church Discussion	Pr. Cathy	<p><b>These are the notes taken from last months' meeting about House Church:</b></p> <p>House Church is a way to name and claim what we are already doing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Relationship matters</li> <li>• Different times/days to give people options</li> <li>• Equipping leaders</li> <li>• Creates spaces of intimacy</li> <li>• Accountability</li> <li>• Personal freedom – time space to discuss what is on our hearts</li> <li>• Outward focus</li> </ul> <p>Challenges</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turns into little church</li> <li>• Inward focused by not inviting others</li> </ul> <p>What would it look like</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invite other small groups</li> <li>• Keep Sunday morning traditional worship</li> </ul> <p>What happens to large worship?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Large seasonal events would include all the “chicks”</li> <li>• House church is part of larger church</li> <li>• Sunday morning worship would still happen</li> </ul> <p>Pastor would equip leaders for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Message</li> <li>• Meal</li> <li>• Follow protocols/guidelines from the ELCA</li> <li>• Being very intentional when growing groups</li> </ul>	
	Pr. Cathy lead discussion about House Church	<p>Concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does it fit under OFLC?               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Title</li> <li>○ Large gatherings</li> <li>○ Denominational challenges – label of faith</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Why would we need to change what we call things – change of terms?</li> </ul>	 House Church Discussion 090419.JPG

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does mother goose become responsible for other spaces (building)?</li> <li>• Is there a criterion for how chicks are formed? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “The Catacombs” on west coast – example</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Who are we looking to invite to house church?</li> <li>• Is this new to ELCA? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Relatively new – but is very similar to small group churches</li> <li>○ Small groups are more internally focused</li> <li>○ House Church is more externally focused</li> </ul> </li> <li>• House of Grace is a mission church – may have some challenges to become a “chick”</li> <li>• Is there an issue crossing synod lines?</li> <li>• How do we make sure our chicks stay invitational?</li> <li>• Can our church deal with another change right now? transition, call, building</li> </ul>	
		<p>Anticipation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cross denominational benefits</li> <li>• Formalizing current small group worship / making it intentional</li> <li>• Encouraging for lay leaders from within – growing and building</li> <li>• Sharing the meal</li> <li>• How do we welcome new members and will membership be part of House Church?</li> <li>• Is there a process in mind to train leaders? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Who will be invited to be leaders?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A “chick” may grow to be on its own or may dissolve</li> <li>• How would by-laws look different in House Church? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ELCA constitution reworked this year</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Deciding when mother goose is healthy enough to lay eggs – guidelines</li> <li>• How do we get input from the congregation about House Church?</li> <li>• How does the House Church connect to the mission statement?</li> <li>• Age group House Churches?</li> </ul>	
		<p>Parking Lot</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are we doing to get old members back?</li> <li>• What is our process to bring new members in?</li> <li>• CORE beliefs?</li> </ul>	
<b>Building and Grounds</b>		Carpets look GREAT!! Thank you to everyone who helped with the cleaning.	
<b>Outreach Ministries</b>		<p>Nourishing Hope update –  Wr. Co community action coming this next week - September  Fire prevention in October  Melissa will be here tomorrow – Rick will contact her to ask for volunteers for set up next week  Spending money increased to \$80  Food Rescue – Second Harvests cannot use us for retail rescue yet</p>	

		<p>River Days update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• team is set up for next year</li> <li>• Cathy will send team names to Kim and Melissa so it is in the records</li> <li>• \$1258 profit</li> <li>• served about the same number people</li> </ul>	
<b>Internal Ministries</b>	<b>Rick</b>	Vice President still open	
	<b>Gail</b>	Sunday school update – on track / Have we invited the Presbyterian church? Still need teachers	
		Rally Day update – come to Rally Day – sign up going great	
		Sherry Meola and Laurie Jensen – send Thank You! to the ladies for the work.	
	<b>Pr Melanie</b>	Transition team update – GSB contract has been signed. Plan to hand off to call committee in December.	
	<b>Julie</b>	Kitchen exploratory team met – commercial kitchen is designed – Chandler is working with John (building company) on building plan and expense.	
<b>Administrative/ Personnel</b>		Co-Pastor Council Update	
		Constitution review – Pr Cathy shared ELCA church model constitution link:  <a href="https://www.elca.org/About/Churchwide/Office-of-the-Secretary/Constitutions">https://www.elca.org/About/Churchwide/Office-of-the-Secretary/Constitutions</a>	
<b>Other</b>			
<b>Upcoming Meetings</b>		Executive Sept. 16 – <u>Note day changed to Monday</u> Council Oct. 1	
<b>Devotion Schedule</b>		Devotion Schedule: October – Ruth November – Lynn December – Diane D.	
<b>Prayer</b>			