

February 23, 2009

I Team meeting (Donegal Presbytery)

In Attendance: Laura Kelsey, Lois Caldwell, Nan Best, Ken Heaps, Mark Atkinson, Marion Haynes-Weller, Maria Chuquimia, Ray Meute

Mark opened with prayer.

Nan suggested we first change one Core Value from “Historical” to “History.”

We moved to work on “Congregational Relationships”

Nan got us started by saying this is an area she has strong thoughts about. Nan shared feels that she can be used by congregations that are not just in a survival mode. She feels that she could be used by congregations that are somewhat flat. Discussion focused around overlap between COM and Vitalization and Nan Best (Assoc. for Vital Congregations). Various suggestions are proposed including adding four persons to serve in each area of COM to be in tune with Nan Best and Vitalization interacting with Nan so they can be agents for Vitalization resourcing; also the suggestion is to ask our new EP to be a “peripatetic” Presbyter. Both of these suggestions are to help the Presbytery “come alongside” congregations. Discussion focused around whether a ministry team is actually needed or rather whether there is actually the need for Presbytery to “come alongside congregations.” It was then decided to share any and all ideas on “coming alongside congregations.”

- [Peripatetic EP \(Exec.Search Committee—Mark Atkinson will share with Don Hackett\)](#)
- [Vitalization Experts in each area of COM \(especially relating to Area meetings\)](#) Experts will focus on conferences, classes, seminars, tools for evangelism, vitalization grants, special ministry opportunities, new models for ministry, outside the box approaches. These four people would meet regularly with Associate for Healthy Congregations, brainstorm with Vitalization about churches in situations that call for the Presbytery to “come alongside” including: churches with money issues, churches in conflict, churches in areas of growing population, churches in areas of tremendous need, churches in transition, churches with property/building issues, etc.
- [Clusters \(Presbytery small groups organized throughout the Presbytery\)](#)
- [Elder Education](#)
- [Special Education Events](#)
- [Hands-on Mission Outreach](#)
- [Establish several conversation groups around differing ministry specialties to connect in a variety of ways \(meetings, electronic means, etc.\)](#)
- [Connect churches beyond pastors and beyond Presbytery meetings and committee’s tasks—mission connections by expanding hands-on mission networking—invite others along on your trip to LA, or to your local Habitat Day, call churches together to feed](#)

hungry, shelter homeless, etc. Initiate mission activities within the bounds of the Presbytery

- Develop worship connections (banners, choirs, liturgy)
- Facilitate collegiality among pastors/elders—clusters, prayer groups, programming, lectionary studies.

Previous ideas in blue are the favorite ideas for the I Team to work further on. I Team will work further on blue ideas for next meeting: Monday, March 2, 2009.