

**Report and Proposals to Church Council Meeting
from MCT re: Congregational Planning**

10-20-09

Message from the Congregational Planning Coordinators

We are pleased to report that our congregational planning process has worked well. Approximately 40 adults and youth took part in our “Discerning Our Call” brunch meeting on August 29, when we crafted our *Statement of Purpose*. We heard comments of appreciation for how we were able to celebrate who we are as a congregation. On September 20, more than 80 enjoyed a congregational meal, and 54 adults and youth stayed for our “Implementing Our Call” *Goal-Setting* process. Again we enjoyed the fellowship and creativity of our congregation. Joan Hershey has been very helpful as our facilitator. We have prayerfully sought to guide the congregation in planning for the coming years. This paper presents MCT’s proposals for *implementing* the purpose statement and goals that have emerged. Because these items will now be *assigned* to various teams, we believe we have completed our work and ask to be dismissed as a task force. In our roles of leadership we will continue to help carry out the decisions of our congregation.

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Proposal 1 – Ministries Coordinating Team recommends that Church Council officially adopt the **Statement of Purpose** that was crafted in a congregational planning event August 29, 2009:

The Annville Church of the Brethren is a family of Christians committed to following Jesus. We are partners in Biblical teaching, compassionate service, peace witness, and joyful fellowship.

Proposal 2 – Ministries Coordinating Team recommends that Church Council officially adopt the **Congregational Goals** which were crafted by MCT from the results of the congregational planning event held September 20, 2009 and assign the implementation of the goals as designated:

1. Cultivate opportunities to do things together as partners in Biblical teaching, compassionate service, peace witness, and joyful fellowship:

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| (1) Expand All-Church Fellowship Activities | assign to Fellowship Team |
| (2) Increase Sunday School Attendance and Develop Bible Studies/Family Life Studies | assign to Christian Ed Team |
| (3) Broaden the Worship Experience | assign to Worship Team |
| (4) Involve College Students | assign to Evangelism Team |
| (5) Involve more people in Volunteering in Local Community Projects | assign to Service Ministries Team |
| (6) Mentor New Members and Children | assign to Deacons |
| (7) Obtain a Van to travel to activities together | assign to MCT to use Van Fund to rent vans as needed |

2. Explore what we want to do with the property north of the parking lot:

assign to MCT to commission a **Master Plan Committee** to guide our congregation through a planning process for short-term and long-term usage of the land.

Our core assumptions include the need for strong stewardship of finances, time, and talent, and the awareness that the Stewardship Team and Property Team will continue to do vital work to make it possible for us reach these goals.

Teams to whom a goal is assigned should set a time frame and report their progress to MCT and to Church Council, celebrating achievements along the way.