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Secretariat Corner

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What your Secretariat discussed at the meeting held April 17, 2010

Mission Statement: “Through our Baptismal calling, as people of Faith, who are led by the Holy Spirit, we lift and encourage others in discovering, understanding and using their Christ given leadership to spread the Gospel.”

1. Meeting was opened with Prayer, Devotion, Communion and reading of our Mission Statement.
2. We welcomed Pastor Christi Pursey as one of our Spiritual Directors to serve on Secretariat.
3. Discussion regarding training; professors, team members, Pastors, sponsors and 4th Day. We need volunteers to provide training, churches or homes to host trainings, suggestions from the community to enhance weekend without changing required dynamics of VDC.
4. Discussion focused on weekend; outdated words or phrases replaced, (like antennas on a house). Write Downs printed with key words to be filled in. Use of 3 ring binders verses steno pads. Critique sheets and commitment to serve sheets distributed and filled out prior to Closures.
5. As we update we need to be aware and very sensitive to whether a change is for our benefit and convenience or directed from a Godly perspective. Are we doing something to make things comfortable for us or is a suggestion God nudged so that a Pilgrim hears or understands better. Do music updates mean we are tired of the songs or do they fit with the talks? We need to examine each step forward making sure we are staying God focused.
6. Please pray for the upcoming weekend and for the Pilgrims God is preparing.
7. VDC will have a table at the upcoming Synod Assembly, June 4-5.
8. Ultreya’s could become more family freindly; opening to children, spouses and friends. Consider locations away from a church setting while still preserving the integrity of the Ultreya. Possibly offer games and activities. Focus on building relationships in our 4th day. June Ultreya will consider a sitter option if given enough notification of how many children and enough time to secure and prepare. Ultreya will be held at St Stephens in Lexington on 6/12 beginning 10:00.
9. Calling all facilitators, trainers or speakers to assist in promoting VDC. Please contact Ric Cosgrove if you feel lead to volunteer.
10. Always looking for volunteers to assist with the web site, treasurer, distribution, mailings, newsletters, communications. If God has given you the desire and gifts to serve please contact Ric Cosgrove.

11. Examination of some of our community phrases; “participated” instead of “made”, “serve” instead of “work”, etc.

12. There are many ways to serve for a weekend, make a meal; make a dessert; send off and Blessing of the Crosses; palanca; serenade; closura; prayer banner. There is a place for everyone.

13. VDC needs to concentrate and focus on being God Centered in our 4th Day.

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