

Ohio Mission District Executive Council Meeting
June 2, 2012
Grace Lutheran Church, Jackson Center

Present: Dan Powell, Paul Larson, Tom White, Ethel Briggs, Matt Kohler, Alan Knoke, Amy Little.

Absent: Don Karger, Lisa Peterson.

Matt opened the meeting with prayer.
A time of personal sharing occurred.

Where is the OMD @ 8 months old?

- * Do we need to “unlearn” and “relearn” how to meet/encounter one another? (Due to cynicism, pain, old baggage?)
- * Focus on putting our energy into what we are “for” rather than what we are “against.” Image offered by Dan of a car: windshield is much larger than the rear view mirror. We can look back but looking forward is healthy to keep us moving in that direction.
- * Slowing of the pace has helped us attend to what needs to be done (calling of pastors, get answers to questions, get established, get organized and integrate new folks).
- * Not in a place where we are settling but are serving. We are the largest Mission District by 2 to 1.
- * Lead with who we are, not who we aren’t!

Treasurer’s Report:

\$12,470.30 in the treasury. Financially in a good place. Some congregations give at the end of the year. Send a letter to each congregation before they put together their 2013 budgets to remember the OMD in their budgets. (Dean/Assistants to the Dean)

Review of Convocation (May 4-5, 2012)

85% of congregations were in attendance. Paul made a motion to distribute the offering equally amongst those mission districts who were in attendance (Genesis Church and Abundant Life). Second made by Ethel. Discussion continued. Alan called the question. Motion carried.

Checks and registrations they came in. Continue to Mostly positive comments clearer next time around 30 minutes maximum of the time in small group schedule to the presenter little more definition to the dates are May 3-4, 2013. his calendar to be in Expression of thanks to hosted etc. Most of the the convocation. Matt Paul moved we send a



were acknowledged as confirm registrations. about the convocation. Be about large group study: speaker speaking, the rest reflection. Give the beforehand. Just add a expectations. Next year’s Bishop Bradosky has it on attendance there. those presented, cleaned, presenters paid to attend suggested sending a gift. \$50 stipend to all

presenters. Alan seconded the motion. Alan amended the motion to include \$100 toward janitorial fees for the church. Friendly amendment: All five presenters (including David Wendell) would receive a \$50 check in addition to the janitorial fee of \$100 to the church. Paul called the question. Motion carried.

Creation of the Mission District Budget for 2013: Preliminary Notes

* Pay for up to 2 delegates to come to the Convocation from Mission Start Congregations. We would build that into the costs of the Convocation.

Lunch Break

Assistants to the Dean:

Very good job on all tasks that have been given to them! We encourage congregations to contact Dean/Assistants to the Dean when they are in need or if they are considering voting to leave the ELCA. Some discussion about the size and structure of the mission district.

Directory:

There is a constantly updated directory of congregations and leaders on the OMD website at www.thenalcoho.org

Continue to try and get names and faces together for the benefit of all.

We anticipate more congregations will be coming but not in the Tsunami sense of 2010.

We want our growth to be in missions as well which will part of the wave of new growth.

Opportunities:

***Lay Preaching Academy** in November 2012 at Trinity, Ashland.

*First English, Mansfield is hosting October 26-28, 2012, a **discipleship and evangelism event**. Michael Foss will be presenting. Gemechis Buba will preach 4pm on Reformation Sunday. Four evangelists from Ethiopia will be coming to present and will be in US for one month. Geared toward lay and clergy alike. OMD would be glad and honored to be a part of this. . . Dan proposed \$500 of our Mission District funds would be pledged to assist the event. Seconded by Ethel. Motion carried. (Paul abstained from voting.)

* Seminarians support? Revisit at next meeting.

* **Faith Journey or Middle School Moments-** Grace, Springfield --Teaching the Tradition/One day event offered to the mission district to rethink catechism as a middle school only program.

* Lunch opportunity at NALC Convocation in Minnesota; time to eat together and visit. Contact the Dean or Assistant to the Dean if you will be attending the Convocation.

Planning for 2013 OMD Convocation:

Suggestions--

- 1) What's going well in your congregation? (Share in five regions as small groups)
- 2) Select some congregations to share what they are doing in mission- locally and globally.
- 3) Continue emphasis on bible study, spiritual formation and worship.
- 4) Keep costs reasonable as in 2012.
- 5) Location to be determined: Ethel and Paul will report back on some things.
- 6) Election of positions: Dean, Lay Executive Council, Clergy Executive Council.

Next Meeting: St. Paul Lutheran Church, Sulphur Springs. Friday, November 16th 10-2pm.
Agenda: Nominations; 2013 Budget; 2013 Convocation; Seminarian Support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pastor Amy Little, Secretary