

Launch Team #6 Meeting Minutes-1/19/15

Mike Morey opened us with prayer. Those present were: Jimmie Boyd, Mike Morey, Charles Long, Dede Roberts, Candace Barron, Mackey Yokem, Vicki Davis. By phone: Mark Norman, Bud Reeves, Jim Kimzey

Minutes were approved.

Our purpose: To provide a Sound Methodology so that each UMC in Arkansas can accomplish the following milestones in 2015

- a) Have at least one profession of faith-This focuses on making a disciple, not just new members. We grew up thinking about new members; we need to focus on attenders. We want them to attend and be involved; Bible study, small groups, Sunday school, worship. This would actually be the outcome that each church should reach.
- b) Have at least one more person in worship-
- c) Have at least one additional small group
- d) Have at least one more ministry that reached into the mission field

Dede reported that she thinks that some churches are misinterpreting the goals; some may think that just one of these goals should be met. We need to clarify that the goal is to grow by one in each category. Part of our job is to help put tools in the toolbox; with specific resources, etc.

Dede suggested the book, *Get Their Name*, which is about training disciples to make disciples. A church could take this a chapter at a time and work through the congregation. Mike suggested that when a church has done this, we can communicate this to other churches. Dede suggested that we identify a couple of churches to work through this book and see what results occur. It's all about communication. Charles said the District Lay Leaders could send out a letter to the district churches with specific churches to use this as a resource. Mark suggested that the District Leadership Teams be involved in this process. This will hopefully provide an openness and better communication.

Toolbox-what resources do we need to have in this toolbox? Mackey asked if the Center could resource this toolbox. Dede thought this was a good idea; we would need to define this and communicate it. How do we do this well? This toolbox would have 4 areas relating to the 4 points. Bud asked if we want to put this in the Learning Management System. We can talk to the Technology folks to find the best solution, but the website would be a great spot. Part of our challenge is to get these resources out to all the churches. Lay leaders could certainly download these videos and show it at the church.

Jim Kimzey shared that we have lay leaders who still don't have a good idea of their functions are for this position. Dede shared that Launch Team #5 is developing a new job description for the lay leaders. Jim also shared that there was good discussion about the relationship between pastors and lay leaders. Leadership relationship!

Jimmie asked what our priorities would be for the next meeting:

- What should be in the toolbox? Get names of churches that have used different resources and how they have worked.
- Getting the toolbox ready, then hold a training session for the lay leaders;
- Leadership relationship-the importance of relationship between clergy and their lay leaders. It has to be a team concept!

Maybe have an hour at Annual Conference for the Lay members to have an update on the Launch Teams and the mention of the toolbox. Jimmie asked what happened to the questions that the laity asked from each of the districts.

Next date for this Team will be