



**Bishop's Mission Plan
Launch Team #7 - Unleash Lay Leadership In Ministry
June 2, 2014**

Time: 11:00 A.M.

Location: Bishop's Conference Room, Conference Office

Attendance:	Candace Barron	John Crawford	Mabel Donaldson	Mark Epperson
(P) Phone	Amy Forbus	Jim Kimzey	Palmer Lee	Charles Long (P)
	Karon Mann (P)	Dede Roberts	Bruce Vick (P)	Mackey Yokem

Absent:	Jimmie Boyd	Stephen Gideon	Henry Heidelberger	Brian Ratcliff
	Butch Renfroe	Tracey Ritchey	Martha Taylor	

Call to Order: Mackey Yokem called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M and conducted a roll call.

Prayer: John Crawford

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2014 meeting as presented was made by Karon Mann, seconded by Mabel Donaldson and unanimously approved.

Mackey reported the following:

Bishop Mueller agreed to the title change for Launch Team #7 and changes are being made to all documents.

The conveners and project managers of the ten launch teams met with Bishop Mueller on May 28. Additional meetings will be scheduled for June 25 following Annual Conference and at a time to be determined in August.

Mark Epperson and Martha Taylor have been asked to create a documentation point for various documents created by the launch teams.

Mackey asked if everyone is clear about the task of the launch team and explained our role is to help create vital congregations who make disciples who make more disciples for the transformation of the world. Everything the team does should provide definition, provide resources and establish accountability. The team discussed the willingness of conference and church leadership to be held accountable and to hold others accountable. It was agreed such has not been the case in the past, but we are becoming more comfortable with having hard conversations and making difficult decisions when necessary.

The team briefly discussed the priorities of the three items from the previous meeting. It was generally agreed Item #3 should be addressed first.

- Item #3: Define the partnership between clergy and laity
 - How do we know a partnership is healthy?
 - What benchmarks might serve to measure healthiness?
 - What happens if the partnership is not healthy?

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the question, "How do we know a partnership is healthy?" Some of the responses were:

- Bears fruit
- Standards and expectations
- Relationship and mutual respect
- Willing to express differing opinions
- Conflict is okay – combat is not (comment that disagreement is a better word than combat)
- Many avoid any type of conflict
- The words "fruitful" and "fruitfulness" are better than "healthy" and "healthiness."
- Can't just measure numbers
- Need to determine how to measure vitality

Mackey asked that all team members provide written responses (reply to all email) to the questions in Item #3. The following is the revised Item #3 based on the discussion.

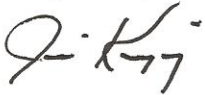
- Item #3: Define the partnership between clergy and laity
 - How do we know a partnership is healthy and fruitful?
 - What benchmarks might serve to measure healthiness and fruitfulness?
 - What happens if the partnership is not healthy or fruitful?

The next steps will be to address Items #1 and #2 in the same manner, prioritize the three items and begin to define the proposed actions, identify the necessary resources and determine how to implement the proposed actions.

Mackey stated the next meeting will be called some time after Annual Conference and ample notice will be provided.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM following prayer by Karon Mann.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Kimzey
Project Manager