

March 6, 2022

Andrea, Deanna, Carol, Barrie, Charlene, Stuart, Darwin, Robin, Scott, Karisa, Wesley, Jonathan, Dawn Marie, Bethann, Dave R, Natasha, Tim M, Jon, Sharon, Ray, Bill S, Esther, Kelli, Laura, Wasylwiw on phone,

1. Time-keep at 1:00
 2. April meeting- 3:00pm
 3. Notes- record conversation, Laura will record
emailed? google drive? No definite decision made
 4. All communication to sent to office and Kelli email
 5. Any way to do Zoom for those who can not be there?
James wont be able to be here in person, because of farm life, could be others because of work, sickness etc.
phone and sending the notes might be best way to continue
 6. Time of prayer for Ukraine.
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7. Table discussions- each table take on one grouping
Summary of last month homework handed out by Stan - see attachment
6 topics- Theological Characteristics, Mission, Governance, Community, Spiritual formation, Staffing
someone to write discussion from table topic, someone to voice answers
Questions to answer according to table topic- see attachment

When it comes to our life together what are we most passionate about

shine light, warm welcome, family, sharing in small groups, making it personal, mentoring, building relationships, no one neglected, multigenerational, taking care of people build leaders from ground up, shepherds need more help, more age range in leadership connection- deeper, non superficial, spiritual formation
family, mission
worship, prayer, connection, small group, living life together, kids ministries, loving and being loved, relationship with people, family entanglement, discipling our kids
deeper, nonsuperficial connections, growth with youth, young adult, keeping a better transition between youth and adults
youth, mission, family

Relationship is the way God works out his journey with us

Small group discussions: answer your questions around the area given

1. Take the area assigned and bring it to **one sentence/one word**
2. Offer on or 2 **next steps** that would bring this conversation forward
3. What is the **right question**? Explore next?

Community-

Sentence/word- developing authentic relationships- family
Next step- draw together as group, meals, events to grow together, awareness of opportunities, interaction, rebuilding relationships, integration with other churches
Right question- how to reach in and how to reach out, know gifts so you can lead/serve, leaders need to rise up so we can move out of neutral- empowers leaders(not elders)

Intentional about what we do next would be helpful

Governance-

Sentence/word-ground up instead of top down, -cooperative, engaged cooperative

Next step- more shepherds, more ministry leaders, more engagement/commitment

Right question- How to raise up leaders(not just necessarily shepherds), empower people

Empowering grassroots leaders

Spiritual formation-

Sentence/ word- intentionality in development/seeking the “fruits of the Spirit”

Next step- define intentionality & spiritual formation

Right question- what does spiritual formation actually look like

Mission: outreach and evangelism-

Sentence/word -making a difference together, outward impact, touching lives of those around us, show with action

Next step- Sunday morning might not be typical Sunday, outward impact is priority, (do inward and then get to outward or flip around or do together?), partnership with others-join in on stuff-sharing space

Right question- Why does Glen Elm exist? Why do I attend here? What’s my role? What do I need?

Doing outward stuff does inward stuff
Who are we now?

Theological Characteristics-

Sentence/Word - relationship with God and people, fellowship

Next step-meet together more often, willing to sacrifice for church, to bring a resurrection reality back to life- Acts 2

Right question- What is resurrected living

At the core our thinking should be something toward God
How does this tie into the current statement Seek Christ, Share Christ?
Seek & share-biblical words that are meant to spur us on
What are priorities underneath?

Do we want to continue with that mission statement?

What is the next thing this team needs to answer in order to move us forward?
Why do we exist?
Why do we think we are here?

Could do a quick survey of congregation??
Why do you think we are here?

We exist because:

Somebody started a church 110 years ago

Our theology is different than those around us , our brand vs their brand

Our forefathers did

We don't know what else to do

We want a relationship with God

To love others

To share good news of Jesus and what he has done for us

To serve

We love people

Big group discussion on why we exist:

Is there a difference between “Why are we in the world?” or “Why are we here in Glen Elm?”-

What is the reason for this group(Glen Elm), In broad sense- can I find what we are doing anywhere else. Why do I come here and not just attend somewhere closer to home? Need to figure out why we exist Here at Glen Elm

What is God calling us(This group of people travelling together) to do now? -Locally-

Why should we exist, vs why do we exist (money, resources, time all show that)

What is the difference that this church can make with the things he has gifted us with?

If people know their gifts we need to be a place where they can plug in with open passion.
-belong and purpose

Survey- how important is this to you, how do we show that with energy & efforts? -Stan make it and send it out.

Can't be a church that can do everything so we need to figure out what we can do