

River of Hope Transition Team

Minutes

12.10.19

PRESENT: Ane, ~~Brian, Dale~~, Janine, Louis, Rachel, Sandy, Sara, ~~Scott~~

Grounding in the Word: Acts 2:43-47

EXCELLENT discovery as we looked at verse 47... *And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.* The fact that they grew day by day, not by their own effort to “grow”, but their presence in the community drew others to them. God increased their numbers! Also, there was some question about “those being saved”. We were confused about the word “saved” – the word has a lot of cultural baggage – as if some are saved and some are lost. We looked up the original language and found that a better translation would be “healing – or find safety”. Those who were on the margins found a welcome and felt safe. Sounds like ROH!

Priority	Issues List
	Survey – do we close or send out one more request for participation? Consensus is that we close the survey. We have what we need.
	How to read the survey results - reminder of the goal of the survey It is tempting to look at some of the suggestions or issues in the survey and find solutions. That is not the goal of this team. We will glean information from all of the responses to complete the Ministry Site Profile and then pass the survey on to the River Table as important information for future goals. As the team reads through the individual responses, we are encouraged to send recommendations/ideas/insights to Scott, and he will bring it all forward to the River Table.
	Collecting the data Insights from the Trends report (bar graph) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Most of the responses came from the 1st week of responses.• We are older than we expected!• Gives clarity that the missional concept of putting finances into ministry and NOT a building is a shared concept. This is not simply leadership’s idea!• Gives clarity that there is priority to “all are welcome” and “we go out” for ministry across the generations. Again, not simply a leadership priority, but a shared priority.• Worship is extremely important to the community. The next pastor must be one who can contextualize the faith into everyday life.

	<p>Insights from the individual responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 166 page report is a LOT to digest. It will be important for each transition team member to read with the goal of gleaning the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are people really excited about? • What are the areas of activity that people are MOST passionate about at ROH? (pg 8 of site profile) • What are our identifying characteristics? (pg 5 of the site profile) • What ministry tasks are most important at ROH? (pg 7 of site profile)
	<p>Homework:</p> <p>In preparation for our next meeting (January 7 at 5 pm at the ROH office), please fill out the following areas of the Ministry Site Profile from YOUR perspective. We will come together with our individual profiles and fill out the official report. As indicated above, the insights gleaned from the survey should help us fill out the profile.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List the 3 trends that YOU see within ROH and/or Hutch. (pg 4 of profile) • What do YOU see as the primary goals of ROH (pg 4 of profile) • What is ROH REALLY excited about? (pg 4 of profile) • Go through page 5 of the profile and fill out the boxes – gleaning your answers from the insights in the survey • Again, referring to the overall sense you gained about ROH from the survey, write a sentence or two about ROH’s purpose, giftedness and mission. (pg 6 of profile) • What are our identifying characteristics? (pg 5 of profile) • What ministry tasks are most important at ROH? (pg 7 of profile) • What are the areas of activity that people are MOST passionate about at ROH? (pg 8 of profile) • What are the 5 ways that ROH will support the new pastor? (Think of ways you have supported Laura – and me – in this position. Perhaps ways congregations you have been a part of in the past supported their pastors that you would like to see... we can be creative here)

Next meeting date: January 7, 2020 * 5 pm at the River of Hope office space. (NOTE: This might be a 2 hour meeting!)