

Compilation of Goals from the 9-20-09 Congregational Planning Event

This sheet lists all of the goals we posted *on the walls* and identifies how MCT linked them together (some are listed under two categories) to form the goals that MCT is recommending to Church Council.

(Numbers indicate how many stickers church members placed beside the goals).

1. Cultivate opportunities to do things together as partners in Biblical teaching, compassionate service, peace witness, and joyful fellowship

(a) *Expand All-Church Fellowship Activities* [46] assign to Fellowship Team

All church activities. (18)

Ex: hikes, bus trips, pool, activities with other churches, etc.

Focus evening of all church activities. (13)

More church fellowship activities (include college students). (7)

Ex: game night, guess who's coming to dinner, community picnic

Small group fellowship activities. (5)

Ex: structured prayer time, women's Bible study, volunteering.

Church softball, golf tournaments. Lights at S. Annville (3)

(b) *Increase Sunday School Attendance* [32] and *Develop Bible Studies/Family Life Studies* [18] assign to Christian Education Tm.

Increase Sunday school attendance through rebranding Sunday school and "tweaking" service. (15)

Increase Sunday school attendance. (14)

More attendance in Sunday school. (2)

Continue/maintain Sunday school participation. (1)

Bible study – weekly, organized, intentional. (9)

To establish Bible study groups. (1)

Strengthening our families through more specific instructions on issues. (8)

(c) *Broaden the Worship Experience* [24] assign to Worship Team

Increase Sunday school attendance through rebranding Sunday school and "tweaking" service. (15)

Reactivate inactive members. Ex: new worship options. (5)

Outreach to college students through meals, fellowship activities and services tailored to them. (4)

(d) *Involve College Students* [15] assign to Evangelism Team

More church fellowship activities (include college students). (7)

Outreach with college students. (4)

Outreach to college students through meals, fellowship activities and services tailored to them. (4)

(e) *Involve more people in Volunteering in Local Community Projects* [11] assign to Service Ministries Team

Form a solid relationship with local community organizations to become volunteers (committee). (8)

Promote volunteering. (2)

Become more community centered. (1)

(f) Mentor New Members and Children [10] assign to Deacons

- Develop mentoring/big brother-big sister programs. (5)
- Establish a program to pick up new members after joining. (5)
- Tells, encourages activities of ACOB.

(g) Obtain a Van to travel to activities together [9] assign to MCT to use Van Fund
to rent vans as needed

- Church van. (6)
- Purchase a van to transport Sr. citizens to appointments, Kidz Klub,
Habitat work trips, etc. (3)

2. Explore what we want to do with the property north of the parking lot [65]

assign to MCT to commission a **Master Plan Committee** to guide our congregation through a planning process for short-term and long-term usage of the land

- Establish a community center on the lot in back of ACOB
with a Hunger Garden. (17)
- Playground equipment/sports field/picnic area on land. (12)
- Plant trees; make master plan
- Develop land behind church for church and community use. (11)
- Ex: playground, gym, donut shop
- Field development. (9)
- Ex: youth center, playground
- Pavilion on lawn – ex: concerts, outdoor worship. (7)
- Build gym/park/education building on land. (6)
- Youth/Senior building behind church. (2)
- Gym-community center. (1)
- Family life/community center on land.

Other goals chosen by table groups, but not prioritized as highly by the group planning process:

- Consider need for second staff [6]
- Youth pastor. (3)
- Second staff person. (3)
- Provide health care equipment bank (3)
- Continue to promote peace (1)
- Encourage Council of Churches to promote Sunday as a day off from secular activities
and plan community facilities (1)

(everything that was written on the *Brainstorm Ideas* papers at the tables is recorded on pages 3-4)

Our core assumptions include the need for strong stewardship of finances, time, and talent, and the awareness that the Stewardship Team and Property Team will continue to do vital work to make it possible for us reach these goals.

Teams to whom a goal is assigned should set a time frame and report their progress to MCT and to Church Council, celebrating achievements along the way.

The Congregational Planning Coordinators are grateful to the Congregation for taking part in these planning events. May the Lord strengthen and guide us as we carry out our commitment to follow Jesus as partners in Biblical teaching, compassionate service, peace witness, and joyful fellowship.

List of all of *everything* that was written on the **Brainstorm Ideas** papers at the tables:

- 1) Family life/community center on land.
- 2) Playground equipment/ soccer goals/baseball field on land.
- 3) Increase membership/attendance.
- 4) Help the needy; encourage them to come to our church.
- 5) Build/insure youth programs in church/community.
- 6) Senior citizen program/facility.
- 7) Fix the windows/new carpet/improve facility as needed.
- 8) Bible study – weekly, organized, intentional.
- 9) Work with Annville Council of Churches to encourage Sunday as day-off from secular activities and to work together for community facilities.
- 10) To begin a C.O. program.
- 11) To establish a community center on our church lot.
- 12) To develop a method of getting to know better the neighborhood where our church is located.
- 13) To establish a hunger garden.
- 14) To increase Bible study sessions.
- 15) To establish a prayer pool system (maybe prayer buddy).
- 16) Home Bible study group.
- 17) Program available to pick up new members – (follow through) after joining – tell/encourage activities of ACOB.
- 18) Pavilion on lawn.
- 19) Grow church – more youth, youth /senior building behind church.
- 20) All church activities – hikes, bus trips, pool, etc.
- 21) Church golf, softball, fishing tournament.
- 22) Lights at South Annville ball field.
- 23) Promote volunteering.
- 24) Adult handbell choir.
- 25) Bible studies.
- 26) Continue getting young people involved. Ex: softball team, fun activities, provide child care for young couples.
- 27) Weekly Bible study.
- 28) Mentoring program 1:1, class with class.
- 29) LCCM free meals.
- 30) Worship service at S. Annville.
- 31) Invite visitors for lunch after church.
- 32) More “who’s coming to dinner” dinners.
- 33) More skits in worship service – puppets also.
- 34) Food pantry.
- 35) Health care equipment bank.
- 36) Gym/education building or park on land in back of church.
- 37) Van for use by Kidz Klub, Sr. Citizens.
- 38) Ministry in neighboring community, ex: trailer courts.
- 39) Big brother/big sister.
- 40) Weekly all church evening meal (kick off to evening events).
- 41) Exercise class – wellness classes.
- 42) Focus interest groups (book, craft).
- 43) Youth activities.
- 44) Continue to focus on Sunday school: Important
- 45) Daily Bible study.
- 46) More kids in youth group.
- 47) More volunteer opportunities (church representative to coordinate).

- 48) Family volunteer at Brethren Home each week to help residents to participate in broadcast service.
- 49) Monthly noon meal for college students (budget line item for youth pizza).
- 50) Adopt college student: invite to home/activity.
- 51) More outreach to college students.
- 52) Gym-community center.
- 53) More attendance in Sunday school.
- 54) Youth Pastor.
- 55) Attain a deeper level of commitment.
- 56) Increase outreach and inreach.
- 57) Strengthening families.
- 58) More instruction on specific issues- parenting, youth (school life), stewardship, marriages, living green.
- 59) New church building.
- 60) Pay off the organ – brass ensemble, some electronics.
- 61) Second staff person.
- 62) Increase Sunday school attendance.
- 63) Field development- playground, carpet in the sanctuary, youth center.
- 64) Freddy continued/increased.
- 65) More personal evangelism.
- 66) Whole church fellowship – game night, guess who's coming to dinner-include college students.
- 67) Community picnic.
- 68) Continue to promote peace upon completion of D.O.V.
- 69) Pay off organ.
- 70) Small group fellowship activities.
- 71) Structured prayer time.
- 72) Women's Bible study.
- 73) Reactivate inactive members.
- 74) Church van.
- 75) Continued strengthened support of LCCM.
- 76) Intergenerational volunteering as a group locally.
- 77) New worship options.
- 78) Outreach to college students through meals, fellowship and services tailored to them.
- 79) Services on internet.
- 80) Develop field – community use.
- 81) Lunch for college students, college ministry.
- 82) Tweak service – blended service, contemporary music, puppets, skits, etc.
- 83) Community Bible study.
- 84) Fair/bazaar.
- 85) College community involvement.
- 86) Repaint kitchen.
- 87) Early service.
- 88) Gym/playground.
- 89) Increase Sunday school attendance.