

Summary of Synod Discipleship Ministry for 2008-March 2009

Training Events/Retreats Provided/Attended/Planning For:

One Thing Event 2008" - met with National Discipleship Team and attended Discipleship Seminar

Don Cousins' Leadershift Retreat-January 2009-Houston, TX

Attended "Disciples" Curriculum Event with Central Iowa Discipleship Workers-at the Bridge of Meredith Drive Church in Des Moines-May 6, 2008

Organized Family Ministry Training Event-January 12, 2008 with family ministry specialists in Sioux Falls, SD with educators from across the Synod. Included the following churches: Bethel-Sheldon, IA, Sunnybrook-Sioux City, IA, New Life Celebration-Luverne, MN, First Reformed Church-Hull, IA, Crossing-Sioux Falls, SD, American Reformed-Luverne, MN, Good News Reformed-Sioux Falls, SD, Central Baptist-Sioux Falls, SD, Maurice Reformed-Maurice, IA.

Attended Group Life Willow Satellite Conference-October 2008

2008 NW Iowa/SW MN/SE South Dakota Discipleship Solitude/Prayer Retreat-Susan Reese was this year's spiritual director in March 2008 which included participants from Alton Reformed, Alton, IA; New Life Reformed, Sioux Center, IA; a Sioux Falls seminary student, the Evangelical Free Church in Orange City, IA; Immanuel CRC church in Sioux Center, IA; First Reformed in Sheldon, IA; and Community Reformed Church in Sioux Falls, SD.

-Planning for 2009 Solitude Retreat for April 13, 2009

Combined Leaders For the Harvest/Discipleship Solitude Retreat in the Central Iowa Area-October 2008

Two Day Crucial Conversations Training-February 2008

Attended with several other discipleship and youth staff at Maurice Reformed and Rock Valley, IA

Denominational Discipleship Team: November 2008 training event called "How Do We Read the Bible Today?" and team meeting; March 2009-Washington DC team meeting and Discipleship coaching and triad group training

Synod Discipleship Team: Conference Call-May 2008; individual contacts for new members

Attending Orange Conference in Atlanta, Georgia-April 2009 with 6 other Discipleship Workers

Workshops Presented:

Consistory Workshop at Inspiration Hills for several elders, deacons, pastors in the Synod-February 2008

Two Small Groups Seminars for Central Plains Classis-April 2008. Churches included-Firth, NE, Pella, NE, Wichita, KS, Overland Park, KS, Oklahoma City, OK, Westwood Church, Omaha, NE, Papio Creek Church, Papillion, NE, Hope Church, Lincoln, NE

2008 Fall Workshops: Crossroads, Norwalk, IA; Central Reformed, Sioux Center, IA; American Reformed, Worthington

2009 Workshops coming up: First Reformed, Rock Rapids; Dumont Reformed, Dumont, IA; American Reformed, Luverne, MN; Adventure Life, Altoona, IA

Coaching Re-Certification- February 2008 in Sioux Falls, SD

In A Monthly Coaching Relationship With Kirsty DePree-

Discipleship Coaching Networks: Met with networks in NW Iowa; Central Iowa; Sioux Falls/Mitchell, and Omaha/Sioux City/Lincoln networks.

Curriculum Research and Quarterly Newsletter:

*Produced one spring, summer, fall discipleship newsletter in '08 and a winter/ spring one for '09.

*Re-formatting the website and Synod library with Sarah in the office and Tim Poppen for utilizing resources better

*Researched several mid-week, Sunday morning and family ministry curriculum options for churches.

Consulting Phone and Email Conversations with the following churches: Celebrate Church, Knoxville, IA; First Reformed, Sheldon, IA; Bethany, Canton, SD; Hope Reformed, Montevideo, MN; 1st Reformed, Willmar, MN; Riverview Park, Yankton, SD; New Hope and Peace, Sioux City, IA; Ebenezer Reformed Church, Leighton, IA; Bethel Church, Aplington, IA; Josh Johnson, The Harbor, MN; Pella, near Lincoln, NE; 1st Reformed, Sheldon, IA; Westview Church, Waukee, IA, First Reformed, Alton, IA; New Life, Sioux Center, IA; Faith Reformed, Brookings, SD