

Regional Minister for Multiplication
Don De Kok – 2010 Summary

Ministry Purpose: To provide vision and resources for Kingdom Expansion that enables the birthing of new ministries.

The past years work has fallen under a number of categories. They are as follows:

Church Planting

- Investigated Carroll, Iowa as a potential site. Did not proceed because we did not have staff to put on-site.
- Investigated and recommended Ft. Dodge, Iowa as a site to birth a new ministry. Gained approval of the East/West Sioux Church Plant Steering Team and hired Rev. Barbara Huisman on a 12 month contract to bring together a Core Group committed to birthing a new ministry. The work is in process. I am on-site almost every Tuesday working with Barb and the Core Group.
- Have worked with New Hope Community Church in Sioux City through their Sabbatical Rest period. I have been on-site each Wednesday during the Sabbatical and have provided coaching to their pastor on a weekly basis. The Sabbatical period was November 15 – January 15.

Raising Up Mother Churches

- Invited Maurice Reformed Church to become the Mother Church in support of “Cana”, the new ministry in Fort Dodge. They have accepted and are providing a “Cana Mission Team” from Maurice who this year are essentially learning what it takes to birth a new ministry. I hope to lay the groundwork with them so when Maurice is ready to birth another church, they will have an equipped team to lead it. Maurice is also providing financial support to this ministry.
- Bethel Reformed Church in Sheldon is getting closer to birthing an off-site ministry.
- Sunnybrook in Sioux City has birthed “Sunnybrook Sgt. Bluff” and are looking at another satellite in Dakota Dunes, SD. I have provided encouragement, but they have provided sole leadership in these starts.
- Faith Reformed in Rock Valley is working with Rob and Andrea Meidema to birth in a site to be determined.
- First Reformed in Rock Rapids is thinking about an off-site ministry to reach recovery people.
- Trinity Reformed Church in Orange City is thinking of providing satellite support to churches in need. (Rejoice! in Le Mars??)
- First Reformed in Sioux Center is presently working to establish a house church network.
- The Sr. Pastor at First in Orange City has a great idea for a new church birthed with RCA and CRC cooperation.

Hispanic Ministry

- I brought together Multiplication Team leaders from East and West Sioux Classis and Home Mission Chairs from CRC Classis of Heartland and Lakota to find ways to assist Amistad Cristianna in Sioux Center to gain a facility of their own. This work is in process.
- Have raised financial support for the East/West Sioux Hispanic Church Planting effort. (Rev. Arturo Gomez)

Outreach Resources

- Proposed and gained approval from the RCA, Church Multiplication Team for God's Storytellers Workshops that will provide a resource for leaders to equip people in their churches to confidently and comfortably share their faith. Wrote the materials and then edited them with 5 other trainers. Have now secured 9 trainers around the country to lead workshops. I have led workshops in Sioux Falls, North Dakota and am scheduled to lead workshops in Maurice, Sheldon, and Philadelphia. Will staff a display on this ministry at General Synod. Raised \$10,000.00 in seed money to begin the ministry.

Communication and Promotion

- Write a weekly "Don's Chatter Box" prayer letter.
- Send a "Holy Spirit Times" e-mail when there are stories of God's Spirit at work.
- Wrote script for a SOH DVD on Satellite and Second Campus Ministry.
- Wrote script for a DVD promoting God's Storytellers.

Coaching

- Provide monthly coaching for Bob James (Wisconsin) Tim Squier, Bob Rook, Ken Eberline, Barbara Huisman, Arturo Gomez.

Pastoral Support

- Have met with all pastors of East and West Sioux Classis 2 and in some cases 3 times to bring a resource piece, listen, encourage, and pray with the pastors.

Classis Functions

- Meet monthly with East/West Sioux Church Plant Steering Team.
- Meet with East/West Sioux Multiplication Teams.
- Meet quarterly with Dakota Multiplication Team.
- Meet monthly with Dakota Classis Southeast Cluster meetings.
- Attend Classis meetings of the 3 classis.

Denominational Work

- Teach at Thrive (once this year in Sioux Falls)
- Raised \$35,000.00 in support for Thrive.
- Serve on Church Multiplication Team and am now Evangelism Team Leader.
- Accompanied Steve Brouwer, Russell Muilenburg, Jeff Moes, Dan Haggar, and Bob Holtop to Exponential 2010 conference. All but Steve Brouwer have made progress in either birthing new ministries or in furthering plans to do so.

Discontinued

- “What If” discussions, that was a dreaming session for new ministry ideas for any who wanted to come, and “Creative Ministry Night” sessions that showcased creative ministries in 3 or 4 churches. Discontinued because of lack of attendance.