

Summary of Synod Discipleship-August 2010-December 2010 and Plan for Beginning of 2011

Training Events/Retreats Attended and/or Planning For:

****L**ed a team in the Central Iowa classis to fully plan and carry out a satellite Discipleship event at Meredith Drive Church in Johnston, IA featuring James Bryan Smith. Had over 50 discipleship leaders and pastors attend this event in November 2010.

****W**ill be attending A Family ReGroup conference featuring Brian Haynes-author of Shift (A family ministry title). Am coordinating travel and bringing with 12 other Synod Discipleship and Youth leaders-February 21-23

****A**ttending Staff Leadership Training event January 17-20 in Houston, TX

Synod Discipleship Team: Promoting the April Spring Synod meeting with Wes Grandburg Michealson and will have our yearly meeting at this meeting

Planned and Led “Discipleship Experience” early August with three others from Heartland Synod; planning on attending a March “Discipleship Experience” in New York City in conjunction with the National Discipleship Team meetings

Attended Pleasant Prairie and Central Iowa classis meetings and trainings-October 2010

“Emerging Journey”:

*I continue to be coached by Randy Reese from Vantage Point 3.

*I have had several email, phone and in person contacts with those around the Synod exploring this process. I hope to continue exploring this with those that still have questions and those that are needing more time and information

*New marketing material is now available to I will continue promotion with the help of the regional ministers and Synod Discipleship Team members to target some more ministries and leaders in the Synod.

*Will attend a part two facilitator’s training with Vantage Point three in Sioux Falls January 24-25

*Planning an Omaha meeting for Westwood church leaders and Papio Creek Church leaders this Spring

Workshops-Late Winter and spring-February 19-Best Practices of Discipleship ministries at Central Plains Cluster Training-Westwood Church-Omaha, NE
-Good News-Okoboji-TBA

COACHING

In A Monthly Coaching Relationship with Kirsty DePree

Discipleship Coaching Networks: Met with networks in NW Iowa; Central Iowa; Upcoming Late Winter/Spring: Sioux City, Omaha, Lincoln and Sioux Falls

-Coaching Tyra Bekendorf, Kim Smith and individuals on Discipleship Team

-Networked with new Discipleship and/or youth staff from- New Life-Sioux Center; Prairie Ridge, Ankeny, IA; Hope Reformed, Lincoln, NE, Sunnybrook, Sioux City, IA, First Reformed-Sully, IA, Good News-Okoboji, IA

Curriculum and Resourcing

Curriculum Research and Quarterly Newsletter:

*Produced Fall 2010 Transforming Discipleship Newsletter and purchased resources from newsletter

*On-going re-formatting the website and did significant work with Razor’s Edge and updating Discipleship Database files

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