

Century 3 Evangelism Team Meeting
August 26, 2021

Present In Person: Rev. Jim Peich, Tina Sayers, Jeff Haupt, Chris Kennedy, Kenna Marcus,
Doug Christopher, Izzy Massey, Tiffany Conway

Present On Line: Denise McCartney

Absent: Elizabeth Moss

I. Introductions

A. Tina Sayers - Co-Lead

1. Member since April '21
2. Coming since Christmas eve '19
3. Husband Jay plays bass in modern worship band
4. 2 children; high school & college freshman

B. Izzy Massey

1. Soph @ Eureka High
2. Active Youth member
3. Tennis player
4. Lay reader
5. Involved in Social Justice
6. AV volunteer

C. Jeff Haupt

1. Member for about 10 years
2. Wife Michelle and sons Cameron and Brayden
3. On leadership board
4. Faith Coach
5. New Member Class

D. Doug Christopher

1. Member for 3 years, coming for about 6
2. Previous Crossing member
3. Came because of the welcome statement
4. Retired in May
5. Stephen's Minister

E. Denise McCarthy

1. Member since 1969!

F. Tiffany Conway

1. Basically does everything at church!
2. Member for 21 years
3. Active member of the congregation

G. Jim Peich

1. Pastor at MUMC
2. Karen and Jim were married here :)

- H. Chris Kennedy
 - 1. Renewed member after moving to KC and Peoria due to Pharma Sales
 - 2. Evangelism through the Salvation Army
 - 3. Chancel and Coventry Choir member
- II. Best or worst ways to be invited to church
- III. Century 3 Background
 - A. 2026 - Bicentennial
 - B. 2021 Plan
 - 1. Collaborative and engaging
 - 2. WINN teams former name
 - 3. October All Church Study (Turnins the World Upside Down)
 - a) Took feedback from that
 - b) 4 areas stood out (www.manchesterumc.org/century3 - for descriptions of each area and summary of the Century 3 Background)
 - (1) Evangelism
 - (2) Mission/Social Justice
 - (3) Connectionalism
 - (4) Generosity
- IV. The Purpose! How do we get into a position to start the 3rd Century in the new direction
 - A. Co-Lead by staff and congregation member
 - B. Goals - what do we want to accomplish next year (3-4)
 - C. Timeline is November to have Goals ready to go
 - D. Goals then shared with leadership board to be approved
 - E. Once approved will be share with the congregation
 - F. 2022 deliverables will be strategies to achieve those goals in the Spring
 - G. Strategies will be given and approved by leadership board and then congregation
 - H. Implement
 - I. Evaluate
 - J. Adjust
 - K. Group leaders will meet regularly to align goals and strategies through the process
- V. What does success look like in 4 years?
 - A. Increase in membership
 - B. Leader of the community - known and respected for different aspects of the church
 - C. More diversity in membership in all demographics
 - D. More engagement in the community and the community awareness increases
 - E. Create a buzz and live out the welcome statement in a way that engages the community
 - F. Create lasting community events that bring in people from all walks of life
 - G. Educating the community
 - H. More first time contacts - more people are having contact with us for the first time in more ways that just coming to church on Sunday; more new faces

- I. Who is the community?
 - 1. Defining who we include in the community
- J. Virtual tour!
- K. Showcase the diversity of our 140+ ministries
- L. More digital presence
- M. Culture of Invitation
- N. Authenticity of relationships - True Colors
- O. Ease of points of interest - eliminate leader burnout
- P. We cannot be everyone's church
- Q. We need to be okay with people not being okay
- R. Evangelism has to be evolutionary not revolutionary
- VI. Helpful data - lots of charts and a killer spreadsheet ;)
 - A. What data would we like to see
 - 1. Regional numbers
 - 2. Barna
 - 3. Age groups
 - 4. Other churches that we can partner with
 - 5. Who is in our community (religious breakdown or other)
 - 6. Algorithms!
 - 7. Homework is what kind of research do we want to do??
 - a) To learn
 - b) And to inform our conversations and congregations
 - 8. Team name!! Not Evangelism!
 - a) Invitation Team
 - b) Peich's Apostles
 - c) ??
- VII. Next Steps
 - A. Next Meetings
 - 1. The week of the 13th - Izzy may not make it due to Tennis
 - a) Tuesday September 14th @ 6:30pm - Tiffany needs to confirm
 - 2. October
 - a) October 4th - 6:30pm
 - b) October 20th - 6:30pm
- VIII. Closing with Communion

Notes from Wipe Board:

#1:

2021 Deliverable Goals - 3 to 4 => November 2021

2022 Deliverable Strategies - 3 to 5 strategies => Spring 2022

Implement => 2026

Evaluate / Adjust => 2026

#2:

- “Know thyself”
- Professing membership increase
- We’re a leader in our community (respect)
- More diversity (all demographics) in congregation
- More community involvement / engagement
- We are a “destination” church
- Community awareness increase for our church
- Educating/partnering with our community & congregation
- More positive first time encounters
- Define/broaden our “community”
- Culture of invitation/hospitality
- Easy points of entry or not
- Professing membership increase
- Meet people where they are
- We won’t be everyone’s cup of tea
- True colors / authenticity
- Being a safe space for ALL people
- Virtual tour!
- 140+ ministries awareness
- Digital presence
- Evangelism must be evolutionary (not revolutionary)
- We have to be okay with people LEAVING the church
- “If we rebuild it, they will come.”