

November 10, 2015

Please forgive the longer-than-usual gap in my emails to you. Frankly, the intensity of activities has been breath-taking. Friday, the WHC Steering Committee met at the Wesleyan Headquarters north of Indianapolis. Thank you to JoAnne Lyon for rolling out the welcome mat. David Drury, (Chief of Staff) is a vital member of the Steering Committee and framed the day in opening remarks that capture our mission. And here are quick facts from today:

* We have grown by 40% in connections in the last year;
* 20% of our representatives at today’s table were people of color;
* 40% were women;
* Identity in this stream compels activity in our engagement;
* Compelling new level of understanding our strategic mission of unity that fills out our understanding of holiness – we need one another’s distinctive to better understand holiness.
* Projected to end the year well within our income;
* Junia Project – women in leadership is growing through WHC connections;
* The Center for Leadership is creating residencies for students with WHC churches;
* Expression of deep interest from UM Bishops to be in conversation with the WHC;
* Strong affirmation of the COGIC around our commitment to gender and racial diversity;
* High energy and enthusiasm over the amount of effective influence for such little budget.

New young leaders are stepping into the effort – I wish you could have been a fly on the wall!

Today I gave a summary of the recent activities since April. Space is limited, but here are highlights.

1. Regional Networks - Holiness Leaders’ Days and activities:
   1. Philadelphia – at Valley Forge Christian University, **Steve Tourville** (AG) coordinator;
   2. Oregon – at the Kroc Center in Salem, **Trisha Welstad** (FM) coordinator;
   3. St. Louis – planning retreat, **Ben Tolly** (FM) coordinator;
   4. Manila – planning retreat, **Melvin Aquino** (Wesleyan) coordinator;
   5. Central Florida – at Asbury Seminary Orlando, **Patrick Styers** (Wesleyan) coordinator;
   6. Kansas City – first convening meeting at NTS, **Chuck Sunberg** (Nazarene) coordinator;
   7. Indiana – at Shepherd’s Nazarene Church, **David Bartley** (Nazarene) coordinator.
2. New Faculty Retreat involving 42 new profs from 6 mid-west universities. **Jon Kulaga**, Provost at Asbury University was essential as coordinator.
3. Faculty Network at Fuller Seminary involving 8 faculty, and planning for a student gathering in January. **Joel Green**, (UM) is the coordinator on campus;
4. Athletic Director/ VP for Student Life meeting to explore the need and plan to launch a new network. This will occur in February in San Diego. **Kate Wallace** (WHC) is organizing that next gathering.
5. Research Project of undergrads at 16 universities with 1441 students. I will report at the CAO network meeting Nov 10 and the Presidents’ Network in January. **Katy Tangenberg**, coordinator.
6. Freedom Summit on Human Trafficking in conjunction with the Free Methodist General Conf, with 400 people and workshops conducted by the Freedom Network. **Anita Watson** (Salvation Army) coordinator.
7. Release of the document on engaging the LGBT conversation after 14-month process – schools and denominations are using it as the reference for guiding their pastors/leaders.

Clearly I am unable to truly capture the fullness of these and many other things that describe the last six months. I wish I could sit with you and tell you the story of each one. I know you would be thrilled to see the Spirit of God at work – so powerfully reflected in the unity we exhibit in pursuing God’s holy nature.

I am attaching the annual financial compilation from CapinCrouse for you. And I thank you so much for the financial support in this highly effective work. We will be sending a letter and invoice in January for the coming year. We all appreciate your ongoing support and involvement!

Blessings,

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