

GUCCI Meeting Notes: May 19, 2021

Meeting began with members checking in with one another, giving voice to what they hoped to leave the meeting with.

Several Working Groups (WGs) have begun meeting or will hold their first meeting very soon.

Summer worship – what is the plan, how will the plan be clearly communicated to both congregations? GUCCI recommends that pastors work with Deacons then use the standard church communication tools.

Fall worship – planning should begin in earnest this Summer. Todd and Denny are thinking of having a staff retreat for the combined staff of both churches.

Finance planning for 2022 – each church should plan their own budgets. If the operation of each church changes mid-year, then each church will need to create and vote on an amended budget.

Clarifying the sole focus/charge of the Unite/Getting To Know WG: having members and friends of each church getting to know each other. Outreach to the broader community, Vitality – are part of the Program ministry WG.

Clarifying the focus of the History WG: prepare an inventory of older church items and include a historical narrative/story that goes along with each item. Decide on the best process to preserve these historical items: memory book, videos, audio recordings that can be presented at anniversary celebrations. Suggestion – have youth group work with History WG to help with digitizing the capture of these stories.

Discussion of the role of GUCCI members as liaisons in the WGs. Most WGs will begin work with a coach, whose job will be to: help the WG develop an identity, focus and mission; help the WG figure out HOW they will fulfill their charge. GUCCI liaisons are in the WGs to observe and bring back needs and surprises to the GUCCI group for discussion. GUCCI members are now shifting from doers and thought leaders to providing oversight, and empowerment of other church members.

WGs – each WG should have a point person/persons to attend to logistics (schedules, WB communication, etc.)

How will WGs communicate their progress with both churches? GUCCI liaisons will bring brief updates for each WG to GUCCI meetings, and that information will become part of the GUCCI communication that gets sent by both church administrators.

Church staffing needs: both churches have need for music directors and faith formation leaders. Claire B offered a few resources for each church to follow up on.

Stewardship: SCC Stewardship Committee has a plan for their Fall campaign and would like to invite the FCC Stewardship Committee to partner. GUCCI supports this effort.

Next GUCCI meeting will be on June 10 at 7pm. (No meeting on May 26!)