

SCSW Youth and Family Network Meeting Notes

December 18, 2015 Present: Jen Streit, Jen Kooistra, Steve Kotke, Brett Christensen, Elisabeth Pynn Himmelman

Connection:

Lots of changes happening:

- Jen Streit has interims at her location and they hired two part-time people to tackle the high school and middle school programming so she can focus on the younger youth and her music program as that's what her new role is.
- Brett is leaving after fulfilling his commitment to Detroit 2015 to follow his wife who has taken a new job! His church currently has no Christian Ed director, an interim and an Associate Pastor.
- Steve reported there is a low supply of interims in the SCSW

Education:

- Spending Plan for Ministry;
- What is the goal of confirmation and post-confirmation; is it simply being present?
- How to get a committee going that's not staff driven
 - Terms should be set (not a life-time commitment to join the committee)
 - Job Description should be created to help clarify what's expected of committee members
 - If lay persons can identify what's needed, they're way more excited and committed
 - Post it note graph from Practice Discipleship with the 7 Faith Practices or 5 Baptismal Promises across the top and age groups down the side
 - Would it be helpful to create a Dream Team that could help
 - Look at the age group chart and brainstorm names that come to mind
 - Creating a relationship between the members is important
 - What hooks you?
 - What keeps you coming?
 - What's your story?
- What's the purpose of this Network group?
 - To support each other?
 - To brainstorm solutions and share best practices?
 - Technology in Ministry
 - Boundaries/Child Protection
 - Parish Protection Program
 - (Jen Streit is going to bring her program details to share at the next meeting)
 - Safe Sanctuary
 - Transition from MS to HS; how can we nurture Faith of adolescents
 - Confirmation – what/why how do I evaluate it and help it grow
- LEAD - Since LEAD is set up to be an opportunity for education for "people like us" we brainstorm some ideas of what we'd like to see at LEAD and shared them with Vicki
 - Technology in Ministry
 - Round table conversations (Jen and Brett have agreed to host this workshop)

Renewal: Worship with the synod staff

NEXT MEETING: Next meeting is January 22nd and Jen Streit will lead discussion on Parish Protection Plan. Please bring a copy of your parish plans with you for discussion.

Save the date: May 16th for pre-Detroit synod gathering