

**Eastern District Board of Directors
October 11 – 13, 2012
Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center**

Voting Directors Present: President Chris Wicher, Mark Lambrecht, Lyle Heggemeier, Gordon Tresch, Rev. Dan Strussenberg, Rev. David Bernard, Rev. Karl Haeussler, Rev. Howard Alexander, Irene McFadden, Rev. Greg Tafel, Jacqui Green, Michael Fenger, Rev. Ron Breight, Rev. Peter Richert

Voting Directors Absent: Larry Thompson

District Staff & Volunteers Present: Rick Porter – LCEF, Bob Forester, Jim Brese

Welcome, Introductions, Opening Devotion, Developing Leaders for Ministry Module 33/ a book from TCN

The Board Orientation began with a welcome from President Wicher. Insurance and Conflict of Interest forms were handed out for our signature. We briefly introduced ourselves. President Wicher gave us a brief thumbnail sketch of the weekend. After leading us in prayer, he asked the Board to reflect on the kind of leaders we are...a *Relator, Promoter, Analyzer, Director*, using a handout with Bible passages. President Wicher read John 21:15-19, Romans 15:23-29, a portion of Hebrews 11, and Joshua 24:14-15. We thought and talked about what our leadership style might be. President Wicher asked for prayer requests and then led us in prayer, concluding with the Lord's Prayer.

President Wicher brought up the subject of DLM, Developing Leaders for Ministry. It was developed about 10-15 years ago and is being scanned for inclusion in the District website and usage throughout the District. He is very excited about it and how it may benefit our District. President Wicher has a heart for mission and discussed his pastoral ministry of thirty years and how the culture in the United States has changed over that period of time. We are now a Post-Church culture. Others also described how the culture has changed. Challenging, yet exciting times. President Wicher discussed the concept of Kingdom Growth in comparison to Church Growth. He quoted portions of an article on this topic and commented upon them. He also stated and described 6 points for Kingdom Growth.

Policy Based Governance with Rick Porter & Jim Brese:

Rick began by asking a series of questions under the theme: What Is This About? Rick talked us through his power point presentation and handed out a copy to everyone. Jim also made a number of contributions to the discussion. General discussion and questions were interjected by members of the Board.

Saturday Morning

Morning Devotion

The morning session began with a morning devotion led by Irene. Irene handed out pretzels: one salted and one not, and read Mark 9:49-50. Irene talked about the usage of salt and how God has salted us in Christ Jesus for service. Irene closed with prayer.

Board Governance – Now What? [Rick Porter and Jim Brese]

Rick began by describing some basic facts about the District Board and the Pioneer Board of Directors. Rick's presentation was organized along four points: organizational, policy, legal and governance recommendations. Rick gave everyone a copy of his power point presentation and a flow chart. Rick also handed out the Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center, Inc. - *Governance and Procedures* document. Rick highlighted certain portions of the document. Next, he handed out a copy of Pioneer's Bylaws. There are inconsistencies between the two documents. We also, as a Board, have misunderstandings of the relationship between the District Board and Camp Pioneer and the Pioneer Board and its members. Rick talked us through his power point presentation.

Jim Brese continued the Board Governance conversation and gave a brief description of his service to the District. He then directed our attention to the District's Governance Policies and led a discussion on Section 1 – Outcome Policies. We read each desired outcome and took a closer look at 1.5.1. Jim also discussed insurance and other matters relative to Camp Pioneer. What do we know and now often should be receive a report from Camp Pioneer? The consensus was at least yearly.

District Information:

President Wicher resumed leading the meeting and distributed a handout entitled *Breaking New Ground*. Basic congregational, school, and demographic information was shared. He also shared information regarding District structure, the organization of task forces, staffing, and other individuals and groups within our District.

Lunch Break

The meeting resumed in the afternoon with Rev. Ron Breight taking minutes for Rev. Richert.

Respectfully submitted,

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