

March 2019 Report to Session from the Facilitation Team

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Background and Purpose:

The “Facilitation Team” is a new team created in 2018, along with the Vision Team, by the WPC Session from the results of a reorganization plan completed in 2017. This team is intended to facilitate activities and decisions among Session, the Vision Team, existing Committees/Teams, and WPC members to improve communication, reduce overlap and confusion, and help WPC achieve its Vision and objectives.

The team objective is not to change existing Committees and current activities - especially those things that “are working”. The goal is for this team to help “facilitate” getting things done and improving communication. While this team may perform some coordination, especially for large events, the goal is to “help others get things done” by facilitating only where/when it is needed and not “do it for them”. When identified, activities/processes/communication that “are not working” will be highlighted for investigation and follow-up.

February-March 2019

The following report presents an overview of the significant activities that the Facilitation Team has been working for February and March, 2019. This is not intended to be authoritative or comprehensive (as details constantly change). Rather, it is to inform Session of ongoing and future activities.

Current Activities:

1. Planning for 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Lunar Communion: Sunday July 21, 2019
 - a. Also coordinating interviews and photo shoots with external organizations
 - b. Details below
2. Planning for the Presbytery of the New Covenant Meeting: 3rd Sat in Nov, 11/16, 2019
 - a. Note, this will be a very large meeting, expecting 200-300 attendees
 - b. Significant volunteer resources will be required from WPC, and we may invite other smaller churches to lend their people for meeting support

- c. Note to Session: there is no budget line item approved for this but expenditures are expected!
3. Enquiring into, and helping to plan around, Capital Campaign construction projects.
 - a. Currently projects don't yet have a final schedule but are close.
 - b. No projects yet identified that will impact the two major events above.

Planned Activities:

1. Work with committees and members, as needed, to facilitate church calendar events
2. The Vision Team will continue to bring initiatives forward for discussion. The Facilitation Team will play a role in helping make some of those ideas into concrete plans of action.

Lunar Communion Overview:

- Sunday July 21st, 2019 (closest Sunday to the landing)
- Clayton Anderson invited to speak at worship
- Afterwards, a luncheon with a program in the Fellowship Hall
 - Lunch menu, cakes, decorations: details are firm
 - Program and invite list are currently in-work
- Line item budget of \$2039.26 for Lunar Communion (from Nov-Dec 2018 T-shirt sales).
- Note to Session: Campus-wide cleanup/improvement will likely be required
 - Will help for Presbytery meeting as well (improved signs, etc.)
- TBD: Any WPC extra events/activities for this weekend to take advantage of prior members coming back? (Comment: this will be a very big weekend for this entire area.)

External Organizations have been contacting WPC for a while now for interviews and pictures.

So far:

- Sojourners Magazine - completed: interviews and photos
- Houston Chronicle - interviews held, future: photos
- Presbyterians Today Magazine/Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia, PA
PC(USA) - future: interviews, photos, exploring discussions for video, exploring options for archiving old WPC VHS tapes (Judy Allton)
- National Geographic - photos tomorrow (Wed 3/27/2019), future: telephone interviews