

Vision Retreat Brainstorming
Ideas under "Gather" for Presbytery Meetings 9-18-09

Energy experienced

Presbytery is the pastor's congregation

"This is My church"

Fellowship deep

Reconnect deep

Pastor ministered to

Less structure

Synergy-Spirit's work in whole greater than sum of parts

Fun-play in sync w/God

Experience power & glory

High position of worship – intentionality

What is possible in worship?

How other congregations worship

Fresh

What might be unique to a congregation?

Bring laity in intentionally (missing here & elsewhere)

Worship leadership, teaching, elders visiting another congregation

Evening-gather in the congregation there

Worship

Inform & invite opportunity

Engaging, attractive, deep connection w/ God experienced

Worship festival

Hospitality – exceptional

Where did we lose? How recapture? - fellowship, connection

We are like the culture – how recover & rebuild community

Communal Prayer - @ time of concern shared – Pray w/out ceasing

Elders trained – preaching, teaching, pasturing...Eph 4:11 [Disciple-making, equipping]

Hear from more people preach @ Presbytery

Those gathered for presbytery Serve actively-all in groups in teams in several or maybe 1 project

ID gifts, skills, needs

Positive sharing & overflowing w/Christ such that it splashes on others, is contagious-joy, love [Christ's]

Communication

ID resources of & in Presbytery – all types \suggestions National website

Talent skills

Idea & request & sharing (use of Web)

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[from newsprint Pg 3]

Prayer, fasting practiced, integrated in whole Presbytery **& ahead** of meeting

Increase Fellowship – lunch ahead & share 7 get to know ahead

Informal visiting

Gather to bear one another's burdens, pray problem solve

Be real, be listened to, listen

2 ?'s: "What if....?"

 "In what ways might we....?"

Cultivate & reward innovation - [a mindset and practice as a presbytery in all aspects of life, ministry & mission]

Make room for each other –across differences – theological & other respect, listening

Trust- how cultivates & increase this?

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Faith stories sharing them in all meetings, sizes

Share in emails

Hope, fear, - share

Respect & love – unleashed, expressed, becomes the norm

Satellite campus concept – explored, innovated use of webs & technology applications

Multi-site w/ 1 place broadcasting

Musical pulpits

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Under "Gather" applying to the underlined aspects of the presbytery

Retreats/Clusters

More retreats to be with less agenda

Fun together

Committees/Ministry Teams

Communal Prayer

Pray w/o ceasing

Ordinations – occasions for celebration & gathering

Pray and fast before gathering

Sharing and fellowship before business/meeting starts

Bear one another in burdens

Listen to one another

Aware of language
Trust one another
Share faith stories [also applies to Presbytery meetings]

Groups/Networks/Partnerships

Gather & Serve in mission teams (go out)
Demonstrate, Embody
Coming together around service as well as meetings & traditional worship

Communications

Twitter – Blog
Resource/Education
Email weekly prayer needs

Equip & Encourage - Disciple - making

See handout from Retreat

Disciple What does it mean? Responses from discussion below

Disciple linked to root word “Discipline” of a way of life under a Living Gospel – assumes full life, [ALL aspects of life]
Ray Vandel__-mimic, follow attached, chosen by the Master. A call to follow
Invitation to a Journey- God does disciple
Learner, student of our yielding to Christ
Mark: to be w/ Christ, that he =might send out –[this is a continuous Rhythm]
[Disciple] Acts, [does]signs, demonstrate
How for love of Christ, Do this today in our context & cultures
Mark: Christ-likeness, & John 13:34,35 I choose you to love...all

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Under “Equip/Encourage” – ideas below could apply to any or ALL aspects of presbytery , (not sorted)

Hearing[discerning] & responding to support what God is doing
Congregations—another congregation’s minister & mission
“All things in common” Acts 2:4
Share curriculum among other congregations
Articulate needs, share & listen, sharing stories – listen first, ask them
Intentionally interested, caring, curious in the life of all congregations: needs, joys, ideas, opportunities
Resources & connecting
Prioritize
Serve one another
Rejoice & count blessings, reframe to positive

More w/ less (Curt on this)
How to listen & discern
Someone[qualified leader] to listen, reflect w/ a leader regarding their ministry, mission,
an area of a congregation,....
Look at what, & where we are
Tools; leaders, pastors
 Right tools for tight job
Training
Training to know & share our faith in Christ
Vision of ways this might be possible
[Identify] Member(s) to disciple
Training in: Live & adapt
 Adapt & apply

See us as one big family to share [many things]
Banking – talent & gift
Presbytery is Chief servant of one another reach & of each congregation
Team to explore, innovate, how and come along each congregation [in this venture]

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Ideas under “Go Out” – ideas apply to all aspects of presbytery, (not sorted)
ALL NAMES May NOT be recorded yet

Brainstorming input combined for both Needs & Potential Areas of Ministry and Mission
in Presbytery’s region:

Bold =major area emerging, agreed upon

Children’s issues: Jed, Debbie F, Vicki McG, Barb B., Suzanne

Hunger: Debbie F & **poverty:** Barb B.

Public Policy see more below Dan @ Bozeman

Erosion of rural communities-MSU Ext. community organizing

 Farming & ranching

 Agribusiness changes

 Isolation—community: Jim B.

Education – Native Americans, HS dropouts: Jed, Dan @.Bozeman

Isolation and need for community, region-wide as well as more rural areas

Relationships for affecting public policy : Dan @ Bozeman

Financial planning

Erosion of rural communities—spiritual poverty: Jed

Education – HS drop out rate up & understanding between NA & others

Poverty

Gambling

#s in prison children w/ incarcerated parents: Mary Davis

Isolation/loneliness—need for community
Housing
Food
Health/medical care
Jobs
Affordable child care
Chemical dependencies
Parenting/ marriage relationships
Support special needs children, parents, adults

Racism
Hidden homeless
Celebrity “residents”
New feudal system
Family farming/ranchers
Changes in agribusiness
Unchurched population

Phase III Update & overview moving ahead
[Updated Bow tie diagram will be sent out end of week]

Sep ‘09 – May ‘10

Some corporate aspects and projected timelines include:

- Sept Vision Retreat
- Vision Team works on implementation strategies and continues clustered congregation visits.
- Nov. Presbytery gathers works, embodiment and equipping for new vision & practice.
- May 2010 Presbytery adopts & celebrates new vision