

MCCC Board Report - Pastor's Report - May 15, 2022

This Board meeting I wanted to share with you two helpful charts about the Church Life-Cycle (see below). Every church community goes through times of growth, plateau, and decline and Mantua Center CC is no different. Right before the pandemic hit we were ready to implement our Setting the Table priorities. It feels like a life-time ago but we gathered in small groups and came up with four priorities that we wanted to focus on as a congregation. Given the reality of the pandemic's effect on our church and world, I believe we need to revisit this and create a new set of visioning priorities for our congregation. That work starts with the board if we should choose to pursue it.

As we start to pray and think on that...in looking at the charts below:

- Where would you put us on the Life-Cycle Chart?
- How might we keep ministry going in ways that are transformation for those inside and outside our church building?
- What do we need to keep doing?
- What do we need to stop doing?
- What is something new we could try?

I hope we can talk about a time of prayer and discernment to see how best to move forward together as a congregation.

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- **7 Hospital/Home Visitations** - If there are those that the church knows needs visiting please let me, the Elders, or the Care Team know.
- **Funeral Service** - Funeral Service for Marilyn Fair on Sat, April 30(Brandon Bayne's step-grandmother)
- **Continuing Lexington Theological Seminary Mentoring**
- **Portage County Health Board Meetings**
- **Crestwood Student Leadership Retreat** - Thursday, May 5th I was nominated by one of the high school youth to come to their Leadership Retreat at Camp Asbury. The students had a number of questions they wanted to ask leaders in our community. It was wonderful to see our own Brandon Baynes, MaryEllen Derthick, Pete Pruszynski, and Roger Cram there to offer their experience as well!

Looking forward...

- **Re-vision/Mission for MCCC**
- **Vacation** - Our family will be taking vacation time June 18-27 and Aug 8-29. Big summer for the Delaney family as we send C.J. off to Ohio Wesleyan University.

Yours in Christ's Service,
Rev. Chad Delaney

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