

West Pasco Lutheran TEAM

Team Exploring Area Ministry

Notes from TEAM Meeting October 23, 2007

The TEAM met on Tuesday evening October 23rd at Joyful Spirit. The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss the three options in the "Opportunities for Cooperation" paper and share the feedback that TEAM members are hearing from their congregations.

The agenda included an update on the Joint Worship plans and the confirmation program. The next TEAM meeting will be after the "Weave Us Together" worship service at King of Glory on Sunday, November 18th.

Several of the churches held informal meetings to listen to members and talk about the options. The concerns and questions that came out of those discussions included:

Urgency!!!

Not TOO FAST though!!!

Money Issues

Need to move FORWARD

Emotional attachment to "buildings"

Memorial gardens

What happens to Pastor Sally & Pastor Jerry

Would keeping these two pastors keep process going quicker?

Transportation issues

Location???

"Tiered" plan for growth

Building with ministry and growth in mind (forward thinking)

The TEAM then discussed the pros and cons of each of the three options that remained after the September 22 meeting. These pros and cons are listed on the next page. The general consensus is that some form consolidation is the most promising path.

The TEAM decided to sponsor another meeting for church council members, to give them a chance to get to know each other better and to keep them informed of the TEAM's discussion. This meeting will be on Monday, November 19 at 7:00 at First Lutheran.

Evaluation of the Three Options:

Pros -- Advantages	Cons – Concern and Negatives
Option 2: Shared Pastor	
Possible \$ savings Promotes cooperation Possibly shared programs	Time stretched Overburdened pastors Both churches still have building expenses Logistics between church sites Easter/Holy Week/ etc. Too heavy a load
Option 4: Parish Model	
More staff More activities Better use of pastors' gifts Community identity (possible growth)	Time stretched Overburdened Still have multiple buildings Logistics Too heavy a load Too "corporate" Potential to "backslide" into "shared pastor" model Need more pastors & staff
Option 7: Consolidation	
Promotes cooperation Fresh start Renewal New Names Good use of \$ & people resources New MISSION Fewer buildings to "support" Newer buildings (well-planned) Growth inevitable Blessing to God's kingdom Location Demographics Technology Variety Power of Holy Spirit	CHANGE!!! Emotional attachment Pastor Issues (Sally & Jerry) Transportation Transition Uncertainty Timing Potential for 'pitfalls" at certain steps along the way