

What is Church Development?

De-vel-op-ment

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1. The act or process of developing; growth; progress; child development; economic development.
2. A significant consequence or event: recent developments in the field of science.
3. A large group of private houses or of apartment houses often of similar design, constructed as a unified community.
4. A developed state or form: Drama reached its highest development in the plays of Shakespeare.
5. Mining, the work of digging openings, as tunnels, raises, and winzes to give access to new workings, and or erecting necessary structures.

Synonyms:

Expansion, elaboration, growth evolution; unfolding, opening, maturing, maturation Maturity, ripeness
Community, subdivision

Antonyms:

Deterioration, disintegration

In the past, this committee may have been called church growth or evangelism, but that denotes only a portion of church development. It is important, not just to grow in numbers, but to grow spiritually, to mature as a congregation, to erect necessary structures.

The purpose of the CDC is to structure the church for growth. I believe that this is an exciting time in our church and that God is going to bless us with renewed spirit and growth. But, we need to prepare a way. There are things that need to be done to prepare for this gift; we need to clean up and de-clutter the house, we need to determine who we are and where we are going, we need to have a message and market that to the outside world. These are all things outside of the normal things that have to be done to maintain the church.

Who is on the CDC?

EVERY MEMBER of CSPC!!!!

The group of members that have met twice now will be serving as leaders for different functions of the committee. I call them core team leaders. Each will be leading different parts of church development that are in their "sweet spot". For instance, Stephanie Thoeny is leading the effort to develop a logo and marketing materials. Carol Buckhout will be working closely with Stephanie on this as well as being our liaison to the media. Dan Alexander will be leading the effort to survey the congregation and gather information in a methodical manner (he's an engineer you know). Jen Neal is working on an outreach/fellowship program called Friday Night Live and is heading up a project to remodel the old basement. Brian Anderson is our liaison to mission and the building and grounds committee. Kathy Grant will head up a shepherding team. My focus is keeping it all going, but my passion is creating a Visitor Engagement Team. Almost everything we do will be done thru a core CSPC committee or one of the CDC "sub-committees", and our hope is that every member of CSPC will be involved in one aspect or another.

I am so excited with everything that is going on at CSPC. I am thanking and praising God for everything that He has done, and for the blessings He is about to give. I can't wait to see how things develop.

In Him,
Sarah

A "Notable" Opportunity at October Festival

This year the October Festival Choir plans to perform Haydn's Theresa Mass on October 11 at Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church. Betsy Burley, Director of the Pittsburgh Symphony Chorus, will be the guest conductor.

Ensemble singers are needed. If you are interested in participating, please contact Christian Miller 859-394-4439.

Rehearsals begin in September. To participate, chorus members must attend at least three rehearsals plus the dress rehearsal.

Share Your Extra Room for Mission Workers

Presbyterian Mission Co-Workers from around the world will be visiting Cincinnati October 24-26 for the General Assembly's Mission Roundtable, meeting at the Convention Center. Cincinnati's downtown Hyatt Hotel is the designated hotel for the event, but many of those attending are seeking alternative housing.

If you would be willing to host some of the participants, please contact the local hospitality committee: William Westmoreland, via wilsonmemorial@fuse.net, or wllwstmrl8@aol.com; or Carol Winkler at winksmama@insightbb.com.

Our Path Forward

Worship During the Coming Year

Session voted to continue with Sunday School at 8:30 and a single worship service at 9:30 until the fall of 2010. During this period of time, the Church Development and Growth Committee will develop and implement several strategies to define our church and its approach to providing a welcoming Christian atmosphere and venue to worship our Lord. As a part of this definition process, a clear vision of what programs and worship services will best serve our congregation and the community will be developed with input from the congregation, via questionnaires, small group meetings, etc.

Forming a New Vision

This vision is a vital input to the Church Information Form (CIF) which our Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) will complete. We plan to elect a PNC in September to begin this work. All members of the congregation are encouraged to provide their input whenever it is sought to help ensure that we call the best possible person to lead CSPC. We hope members and friends will be patient and understand that this measure is temporary during a year of change and growth.

September 13—All New Sunday School Begins!

As we maintain a single worship service into the fall, and keep the Sunday School hour at 8:30 a.m., the Christian Education committee is preparing exciting class options for fall. These classes will begin September 13 for children, youth and adults.

Pre-school and kindergarten aged children will continue their fun approach to learning Bible stories.

We will be adding a separate class for children in grades one through five. Their curriculum will also feature Bible stories, but lessons will be more advanced to take advantage of their reading skills, along with games, music and crafts.

Middle and high school students will also have Bible-oriented classes.

Adults will have three class options: a Bible study class, a discussion class regarding current topics in the Presbyterian Church and a third class relating Biblical themes to the arts and humanities.

Banner Brightens Sanctuary

Thanks to Martha Ann Thrasher who put her sewing skills to work and created the banner hanging behind the baptismal font on the chancel. The banner features the seal of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

The major shape is a Celtic cross. When you look closely at the seal, you can also see other visual symbols of our Presbyterian faith, including a descending dove, an open Bible, a pulpit, flames, and a chalice.

A more detailed explanation is printed, with copies in the Narthex. More information is also online at www.pcusa.org/oga/seal.htm.

Scott Scholarship Helps CSPC College Students

Thanks to Elmira Scott and Merilyn Reinhardt for their generous stewardship in managing the Robert and LaVerne Scott Scholarship. This year, eight members of CSPC will receive financial assistance as they return to their college studies in the fall.

Knit Nights for Adults and Children

Have you ever wanted to learn to knit? Or maybe just brush up on an old hobby? Chicks With Sticks will be meeting two evenings during July and August. All levels are welcome!

Knitting is the new yoga!! It is addicting, yet relaxing!!

We will show you everything you need to know to make a dish or face cloth. Please bring a ball (2.5 ounces) of all-cotton yarn in a solid or variegated color of your choice. Two brands that are good to work with are Peaches and Cream or Sugar and Spice. Wal-Mart and Knit Wits carry these brands, as do Michael's and Hobby Lobby (where there are a nice selection of colors). Number 9 knitting needles are good for beginners. One ball will make 2 cloths.

If you already know how to knit, bring a UFO (Unfinished Object) and join us for fellowship! Crochet-ers are welcome too!

Join us on Thursday evenings: August 6th and 20th, at 7 p.m. at church.

Update Your Info

The CE committee is updating the roster of all church youth from birth through college age. Parents, please provide your child(ren)'s birth date. For youth in high school and college, CE would also like to have e-mail addresses, and the mailing addresses of out-of-town college students. Contact Valerie Pence with updates, vcpence@insightbb.com.

CSPC Yard Sale

Plan on shopping at the CSPC Yard Sale in memory of Kim Phelps, August 14-15 from 8 am to 5 pm. For more information or to volunteer, contact O.B. Phelps, 727-3172.

Session Notes

At its stated meeting June 9, the Session of CSPC:

- voted to explore the PCUSA investment and loan program;
- approved a motion asking each church committee to update its description of responsibilities, as well as descriptions of the different roles of volunteers on the committee;
- scheduled a congregational meeting to elect officers to unexpired terms; Dan Alexander will fill a term on Session and Joe Stephenson will fill a term on Deacon Board.
- received committee reports.

Calendar—August at CSPC

August 1	Youth Sunday
August 2	Piecemakers
August 6	Knit Night
August 8	Firesiders Visit Union Presbyterian Church
August 14-15	Church Yard Sale
August 20	Knit Night
August 24	Bound by Books
August 28	Lunch Bunch