

District 9 Council
Face-to-Face Meeting #1
January 6, 2013

All Present:

- Chairman: John Jackson
- District Pastor: Rev. Mark Hernandez
- National Representative: Rev. Michael Hentrich
- CO: Peggy Yujiri, Michael Hentrich, Jr.
- TX: Ken Morgan, Steve Kille, Shin Chun Lee, Danny Aguilar, Stacey Hernandez

Opening Prayer: Steve Kille

1. INTRODUCTIONS OF EACH MEMBER OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL:

The Council members opened the meeting by sharing his/her individual hopes for the role of the District Council within District 9

2. ROLE OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Council members reviewed HQ Memos and guidance discussing the role and duties of the District 9 Council. As for the role of the District Council, the Council members discussed that the Council's role was not to replace existing and presently functioning organizations. The Council's main job requires will be to work with the District Pastor and encourage local empowerment. The Council along with the District Pastor will form a team thereby integrating the vertical and horizontal components of a healthy church. JJ discussed that the District Pastor is the vertical; the ceremony with Hyung Jin Moon shows that the District Pastor was anointed to be our vertical. District Council and communities are the horizontal.

The Council reviewed expectations of leadership from the following words:

HJM, October 18, 2012: *Each of our local churches will practice and demonstrate the culture of freedom and responsibility. Public responsibility towards outwards-facing evangelism, financial viability and growth, political and social activism, and public service. Core of the "Freedom Society" is the blessed family.*

True Mother, October 2, 2012 *Address to the American Leaders, Cheong Jeong Goong: The movement started with the Holy spirit and truth, based on shimjung (heart) and profound investment of the heart given to us by TF. We must focus on growth and educating our 2nd and 3rd generation children so that they don't want to leave. Our focus should be to bring members to the church.*

The Council Members discussed how it needed to focus on governance; care for our blessed families (natural ministry); finances; and saving our youth. DA discussed the need to figure out what works and what doesn't work and also be sensitive to local needs. The Council discussed the importance of having accountability to the community.

DA, JJ and the District Pastor discussed the goal of HJN's 3-year Vision: growing the church, teaching the DP, and absolute sexual ethics. We know our roots. It's now our job to get the fruits out there. Again, the goal is to create some kind of an operational plan to make the vision happen while not encroaching on the autonomy of the local communities.

The District Council discussed its Initial Role and Responsibilities and are in agreement of the following:

- Ongoing Responsibilities:
 - Approving the Annual District Budget,
 - Recommending or approving key personnel or structural decisions,
 - Discussing important issues with the District Pastor
- Comments and Best Practices:
 - Council will decide how it will work together and be expected to give feedback to HQ in order to establish a standard
 - Future Goal: Local churches will establish their own Councils under the auspices of the District
 - Role of the District Council is to foster local development
 - Monthly meetings are recommended
 - Council system works best when Council members get involved with various District functions, e.g., ministerial outreach, another with Youth Ministry, etc., all of which will provide assistance to the District Pastor and also assist with keeping the Council more informed of what's happening within the District.

3. DISTRICT PASTOR SHARED WHAT HE NEEDED HELP WITH: (1) Financial assistance with someone who has a financial background. (2) **The need for Secretary:** it would be ideal if it were someone who had book keeping skills and administrative skills. The District Council decided that before any decision could be made, it needed to look at the current financial status of District 9 in order to determine whether someone could be hired to fulfill these needs.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT

The District Council discovered that the District receives its funds from each city/state which donates a portion of their tithe towards the District. The District Council reviewed 4 Reports: (1) Tithing from City Center – Income; (2) General Fund Financial Report 2012 for Dallas, Texas since Dallas, Texas is the district headquarter, state headquarter and the expenses are only accounted for within the Dallas, Texas budget; (3) Balance Report 2012 (this is done according to the HQ Guidelines and it really just shows the income and expense for the following: General, Event – HQ events (e.g., speech terms), District, Camp, 2nd Gen, Missionary, and Choir); and (4) District Financial Report 2012.

The District Financial Report 2012 – PY and DA noted that although this report was broken down by category the Council discussed the need for a report that was more present time in order to have a real time sense of cash flow. The Council also discussed the need to segregate the money that is passing through versus money that is going to the District. For example, from the District Financial Report 2012: Holy Day Donation, OSDP Donation, and TF's Autobiography are pass through funds. These expenses that are passing through for HQ should not be accounted for within the District's expenses. Other examples, from the District Financial Report 2012 include Holy Day Donation, OSDP Donation, and TF's Autobiography.

The Council made note that the National Representative needs to be prepared to

bring up the accounting methods at the National Council meeting. PY and DA emphasized that District 9 needs a present time cash flow report so that it can know what it can afford before the District can make a decision on what to spend. District Council needs to inform HQ about changing how we account for things because book keeper will not change what they do without HQ approving the direction.

A motion was made by SCH for Creation of a Subcommittee for the Finances of the District 9: Primary job will be to review the current reports and status of our funds. Future discussions will take place about how to create a budget. This subcommittee will be comprised of Peggy Yujiri (financial background), Danny Aguilar (business background), Shin Chun Lee (business background). The Council has voted in unanimous to approve.

- To-do: See if we can access the financial information from the last 3 years so that the financial subcommittee can generate the necessary reports. The Council needs to see a 3-year financial plan: District Income and District Expenses.
- The District Council decided to allocate a budget during its next meeting and to prepare for that by generating more accurate financial reports through the subcommittee. The Council noted that when calculating the budget it needed to be mindful of the fact that the communities were going to be doing different things since the communities were no longer doing Lovin Life. So the 3-year reports may not be indicative of what our expenses will be.
- Discussion about other states wanting financial committees within their own states:

5. Role of the National Representative

The Council discussed the confusion with the directives given from HQ about the district pastor role and the national representative role. The Chairman has contacted Michael Balcomb about this issue and requested clarification on this issue. The National Representative stateded that he would like to serve on the outreach subcommittee or blessed family life committee.

6. Motion made by PY regarding the creation of a Liaison to be in communication with the other states that are not represented on the District Council. The liaison will voice their concerns. Ken and Ann-Marie Morgan volunteered to be the liaisons for NM, UT, WY, OK. The Council voted in unanimous to approve of the appointment of Ken Morgan as liaison.

7. ROLE OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

First, to connect with local efforts that are being made towards the three-year growth plan and assist with getting the local communities what they need. Our role is not necessarily to tell what the local communities to do in regards to membership growth, DP centered, empowering blessed families, evangelism, revenue, activism, and public service.

Second, leadership: best practices are for the Council to figure out what everyone is doing that's working and how can we multiply those best practices within our own Council. Should the Council even gather information? The Council already represents each state and has knowledge of what their own areas are doing, what's working, and what's not working. Hyung Jin Nim has a vision and in order for the districts to be synchronized to that is not so much to manage the local communities but more to support the local field. There are certain things that HQ can do and there are certain things that

the District can do. The District Council will *not* adopt a top down management style of leadership.

District Pastor with the District Council members will need to reflect on the challenges and successes of each state and local area and think about how the District Council can help and support the local areas. District Pastor may go on a state of the union tour and visit each state to find out best practices.

Next Meeting Topics:

- District Council will review the Robert's Rules and decide to what extent they will adopt the rules in their overall decision-making process. In particular, addressing the Chair when moving or debating any topics.
- District Council will meet on February 17, 2013 at 12:30 PM in the Dallas, Texas.