Wichita East / West District Strategy

LOVE GOD

Objective
- Increase spiritual formation to develop passion for God

Action Steps
- Providing coaching, resources, and training to assist churches in developing discipleship pathways
- Networks available and resource discipleship pathways together
- Small group development to grow discipleship as well as lay and clergy leadership
- Prayer gatherings throughout districts
- Leadership, preaching, and worship development through network and conference resources

Measurables (Goals)
- 15% of churches have a defined discipleship pathway by 2018
- District-wide - Networks show 10% decline in AWAs, small groups, professions of faith, M&As
- 50% of churches in growing communities show growth (presently, 5 churches out of 16
- Each network has one prayer gathering per year

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world

PROCLAIM CHRIST

Objective
- Increase professions of faith

Action Steps
- Coach churches in evangelism and developing a system of tracking constituency members (regular attenders, non-members)
- Hold District Confirmation camp
- Build pipeline from Horizon camps to local church and vice versa
- Emphasize child evangelism and discipleship in district

Measurables (Goals)
- Each network does one thing to support confirmation camp
- 25 youth attend Confirmation Camp in 2018
- 10% of churches engaged in active children ministry in their community by 2018
- 10% increase in unchurched children becoming engaged in church following attendance at camp
- 50% of congregations tracking constituency members with focus on relationship building
- Provide coaching, resources and training for leaders in children’s ministry.
- 10% increase in district professions of faith

Objective: Form new faith communities

Action Steps
- Share resources for new faith expressions
- Train and develop culture of relationship building and invitation in congregations
- Educate churches through networks on identifying and empowering “pioneers” in each district by 2018

Measurables (Goals)
- Two new faith communities in District (a regular gathering of persons for worship and discipleship who are outside of the present worship community)

SERVE OTHERS

Objective
- Share love of Christ through building relationships in the community

Action Steps
- Through School partnerships
- Each network has a conversation about school partnership and best practices
- Through neighboring initiatives (whatever you are doing to build relationship with neighbors)
- Each network has a conversation about relationship development
- Through feeding programs

Measurables (Goals)
- 60% of churches with school partnerships
- 10 churches involved in neighboring
- 100% of networks discuss combined mission field feeding initiatives and ways to aid one another in the effort

SEEK JUSTICE

Objective
- Sharing peace of Christ through the “sins” of the world

Action Steps
- Poverty education - through supporting and/or partnering with Open Door, and Circle-like organizations
- Offer anti-racism training
- Networks work to partner together to do contextual anti-racism in their communities

Measurables (Goals)
- 1 new anti-poverty initiative in each district in 2018
- 25% of churches go through poverty simulator
- 10 churches implementing a new contextual anti-racism initiative

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor... to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Luke 4:18-19