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Journey of Discovery

Report to the Regional Board

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The Journey of Discovery (JOD) congregational transformation process was formally initiated in the Northwest Region in September, 2005. Nine congregations made up the “first wave” of congregations from this Region joining the Journey along with nineteen Presbyterian congregations from four different Presbyteries ranging from central Washington to eastern Montana. The first wave of congregations in the JOD process is expected to complete the five phase process at various times during calendar year 2009.

The first wave of the Journey of Discovery process is being facilitated by Ray Schulte, Managing Director of the Center for Parish Development in Chicago, Illinois. Ray provides training for Regional consultants who work directly with the first wave congregations. Ray also provides periodic cluster training events for the coordinating teams from eastside Disciples and all Presbyterian congregations on the Journey while the Regional consultants provide the same training for westside Disciples coordinating teams. Ray and the Regional consultants also conducted several training events for all clergy and lay leaders in the Region who are interested in congregational transformation.

The nine Northwest Region congregations participating in the first wave of the Journey of Discovery, their assigned consultants, and their current status in the JOD process are shown below:

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Consultant</u>	<u>Current Status</u>
Bellingham FCC	Sandy Messick	In Phase 3 (On Hold)
Edmonds CC	Sandy Messick	In Phase 4
Puyallup FCC	Connie Robey	In Phase 4
Tacoma FCC	Bill and Connie Robey	In Phase 3
Bremerton CC	Don Carlson	In Phase 3, Part 2
Englewood CC	Bill and Connie Robey	In Phase 4
United CC (Yakima)	Don Carlson	In Phase 3
North Hill CC	Bill and Connie Robey	In Phase 3, Part 2
Opportunity CC	Rebecca Hale	In Phase 3

Congregational coordinating team training for Phase 5 will be conducted by Ray Schulte in the Seattle area during the first quarter of 2009 for the westside congregations that currently are or will be in Phase 4. That same training will be replicated by the first wave consultants for the other first wave coordinating teams as their congregations approach the end of Phase 4.

A “second wave” of three Northwest Region congregations commenced the Journey of Discovery process with a Phase One consultant training workshop on August 23, 2008, followed

by Phase One training for the congregational coordinating teams on September 13, 2008. Training for second wave consultants is conducted by the Regional JOD Co-Coordinator while second wave coordinating team training is provided by the second wave consultant team made up of the Co-Coordinator and the four second wave consultants. Ray Schulte will provide on-going consultation to the second wave consultant team on an as-required basis. The second wave congregations, their consultants, and their current status are listed below.

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Consultant</u>	<u>Current Status</u>
Bellevue Christian Church	Jennifer Prekeges	In Phase 1
Creston Christian Church	Marvin Eckfeldt	In Phase 1
Northwest United Protestant Christian Church	Sue Scott	In Phase 1

In addition to the consultants listed above, Ron Naff, Longview Christian Church, also is being trained as a second wave JOD consultant.

The amount budgeted for JOD related expenses through June 30, 2008, was \$12,207. Actual expenses as of June 30, 2008, equaled \$10,690 or 88% of the budgeted amount. The total amount budgeted for calendar year 2008 is \$24, 813. Thus, 43% of the annual budgeted amount was expended as of June 30, 2008.

The Journey of Discovery is an exciting and demanding transformation process. All of the consultants and the congregations involved in the process are discovering that transformation requires learning a different way of “being and doing church” in this new millennium. We are convinced that God’s Spirit is at work among those congregations that are faithfully working their way through the Journey of Discovery process.

Respectfully submitted,

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