Next Steps Future Story -- U S E



Before November Board Meeting

Executive Committee to be empowered to appoint an Implementation Team to shepherd the work of the Future Story. Dick Hamm will orient this team and will be available to them. They will make sure the three years of vision plan continue to move forward. Five members will serve on this team with one year terms spanning July to June years starting in 2016—2017 term Members can be reappointed for a following one year term with maximum service of three years. The work of the Implementation Team will be posted on website and referenced in communications about regional church life.

Unite

- Form a Technology Committee to create a strategy for using a wide range of technological tools to upgrade our communication and network between congregations, districts and the regional church leadership
- Energize each of our five districts to begin to create at least one event, project, or network for 2017
- Seek to generate a list of affinity groups by crowd sourcing, and using our new technological tools, seek to support the formation of affinity groups around common ministries.

Support

- Enlist and train a group of 4-6 regional Elders. We currently have three volunteers and will seek to round out the slate and launch this process in the fall of 2016
- Hold Mission First Events in four locations September 17 Eugene, September 18 Portland, September 24 Pendleton, and September 25 in Boise/Red Rock
- Employ new part time staff for enhanced online presence, online giving, and event management and to network with the technology committee to integrate the technological changes as they are made to our structure and program.

Equip

- Assist congregations in online resources such as websites, online giving, and social media for use in the congregational settings through resources generate from our technology committee
- Train leaders to become Anti-Racism/ Pro-Reconciliation Trainers to train the pastors and leaders of the regional church. Sandhya Jha and Nathan Hill will launch a pilot project October 1—November 4 to to offer training using a whole group gathering and online conferencing.