

FGMB Congregational Meeting, November 16, 2008

Round Table Discussion Topic: Phase II – “Sending”

Church Daughtering: As God grants growth approaching the 500 number, our response should be to work towards resourcing, equipping and sending a group from FGMB to daughter a new congregation. While the process of daughtering a new congregation can be challenging, we believe it can be a life-giving process, and one that is faithful to the church’s universal mission. As we begin the church-daughtering process, we should employ the best practices of other congregations who have experience in this process. For instance, we should set aside financial resources to aid the new congregation in their transition to independence, and hire new pastoral staff that would eventually lead the new congregation, allowing for pastoral continuity in the “home” church.

Council would like your feedback around the Growth Model - Phase II “Sending” piece. Please discuss these following questions with your table and record the comments on the paper provided.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What are some reasons for FGMB to pursue a church plant?**
- 2. What Church Plant Model(s) should Fort Garry consider?** (ie. Historical Church Plant, Create Partnership with ongoing plants in our own building or around the city, Satelite Church etc.)
- 3. What are some challenges that FG may run into as we move forward with this initiative?**

For a summary of the group answers to the above questions, please refer to:

“Church Daughtering Congregational Discussion Results Nov 16 2008”