

DREAMING SESSION ON PURPOSE AND STRUCTURE

LAY PEOPLE DISCUSSION GROUP

- Purpose: bridge gap between local churches and convention, each other, serve as way to develop outreach to all churches and people in Anna-Digby
- Exec Council of 12, Regional Ministers participate as non-voting members
- Council membership: 3 from Digby area, 3 from west end of Annapolis County, 2 from Annapolis area, 2 Bridgetown area, 2 from Middleton area
- No more than 5 pastors, at least 7 laity; gender and age balance
- Separate non-voting secretary to receive requests for resources to bring to exec council meeting as needed
- Treasurer non voting
- Council: 3 year terms, not decided about number of terms
- Funding: allotment from each church; CABC outreach grants, if not, stop UIM and develop own fund
- Won't do: Mission grant which can be done at CABC level; Assn. licence—that can be done by the region
- Working groups can be created as needed, Council to be a resource as needed, encourage partnerships between larger and smaller churches
- One yearly meeting of large group, on a rotating area basis; use rental facilities if local church unable to hold meeting

PASTORS DISCUSSION GROUP

- If we should make a motion to dissolve the Assn., we would need to answer some questions first
- First, what is the purpose, what is Assn meant to do—if it is not doing that or not working, we should bring it gracefully to an end
- Have one level of structure too many because of significant overlap between the Association and the Region. Perhaps the Association can be disbanded
- Most pastors and congregations are obviously losing interest in current format
- In view of the historic divisions between the Annapolis and Digby county churches, maybe should look at each country joining a different association.

REGIONAL MINISTERS DISCUSSION GROUP

- Need to remember that in Baptist structure, ultimate authority rests in the local congregation.
- Purpose: Encourage and enable churches in REGION 2 through an enhanced Regional working group and 5 geographic clusters of churches: West Annaapolis, East Annapolis, West Kings, East Kings, Hants
- Five members central committee for each of five clusters—25 in all
- Regional working group would be composed of the 5 chairs of clusters, Chair and Vice independent of 5 plus Secretary., treasurer, and Regional Minister for 10 members of Regional working group.
- Cluster Activities: annual spring event in cluster churches; encourage participation at CABC assembly.
- Regional working group set up fall regional celebration
- Funding: ABM money for pastoral ministry grants; ABM regional grants; CABC rebate; church assessments