

Listening Group Comments

Parish Mission Consultation – November 25, 2015

Group	Observation	Comments
Lay Officers (TC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Family camp held † Parish visitation † Young people involvement encouragement through sermon/prayer † Awareness and help all understand Family prayer 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Ability to understand the liturgy, use it more spiritually
Lay Officers, (EC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Study of scripture prior to meetings † Lay officers retreat † PMC and bringing all together † 1st Friday prayer meetings † Worship committee for spirituality 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † For godly guidance and leading † Work towards being a church and being One in Christ
Caring & Sharing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Dev Siri Sewana project † Supem Niwasa monthly donation † Udathurai Jaffna project † Retired clergy caring and sharing † Women's group bible study and sharing † Prayer focus, prayer chain † Sick visitation for home bound 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Fr Bala mentioned that there were many other retired clergy and catechists outside the Cathedral premises and to support their needs as well.
Sunday School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Student involvement in Prayers and bible reading † Teaching Syllabus on fulfilling the Great Commission † Sharing the word at family service and encouraging to attend BSG † Outreach through Carolling and visiting the Madhiwela home for mentally challenged 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Focus on lost being reached through Teen ministry † Lives being changed
Elders Fellowship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Many deaths, very few members left (10) † Closely knit family † Sharing with each other † Visit the sick 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Face many situations, grown spiritually, trust in the Lord has grown † Provide transport to visit the sick

Choir	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Visit unwell members † Use our talents for singing † New members entering the faith 	†
YF (TC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Monthly prayer meetings, learning the word of God † YF get-together with other churches † Participating in Sunday service through praise and worship † Participate in other activities on invitation 	† Challenge is to maintain the unity as young people are very busy with various activities
MU (EC)	† Meetings commence with a scripture passage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Challenge of finding a Dr for the running of the Medical Clinic † More joint activities needed, outreach etc. † Transport issues for members to participate
MU (TC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † 4th Sunday prayer time for MU † Drama programs amongst members 	
Bible Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Jesus' Authority † Disciples continue in the learning process † Disciples taught and asked to Go out and Witness and make disciples of others Through the Holy Spirit † Analysed how Buddhism and Christianity were similar and how it varied and learnt practical ways in how to be good witnesses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Observed the roles that a Witness would play and how they Suffered for Jesus' name † Break Tradition and Do what God wants his disciples to do. † We should not just DO Church but BE the Church
Sides Persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † 2 new parishioners joined † 1 left to the charismatic church 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † The need to welcome all persons at the beginning † How to welcome latecomers, have a sides person at the side entrance † Usher badges to be provided to those on duty

Other Notes from the Consultation

1. Joint meeting with Leaders, once every 3 months
2. Fellowship activities
3. Wider group of representation for future leadership

Leaders Present

1. Britto Daniel
2. A.J. Joseph
3. Delani Jayasinghe
4. Sunil De Alwis
5. Dilranjan Jacob
6. Dayamani Ashok
7. Wijith DeChickera
8. Chianna Boteju
9. Shanthi Joseph
10. Susheela Gunaratnam
11. Nalini Wanigasekara
12. Cindy Jacob
13. Sirimoni Selvarajah
14. Dorothy Philipps
15. Tito Daniels
16. Rev. S. Balasundaram