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Update on Strategy Team Meetings

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I just wanted to bring you up to date on the Strategy Team meetings that took place July 18-21, 2016 in Kananaskis, Alberta. The first day was spent together in God's Word being challenged about our spiritual lives, both individually and corporately. We were encouraged to ask the question, "What needs transformation in my life?" Time was given to seeking God on an individual basis asking Him to reveal through His Word and Spirit, what He might be asking us to deal with in our lives. One passage that we reflected on was Romans 12:1-2.

One thought that came through from reflecting on this passage, was that it doesn't matter if we believe we are not conformed to this world, what matters is the truth. Are we, am I, Kingdom oriented or worlds conformed? It is a penetrating question that each of us must answer.

One of the ends or core values that have been identified as an area of need is that of Church Planting. With that in mind, the next day and a half was spent discussing and planning strategies that will move us forward in this desire to see God's Kingdom grow.

Upcoming Event

- **Saturday, October 29:**
Fall Meetings
Raymore Baptist Church
10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Lunch is provided, please call (306) 746-2914.

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Discussion

centered around how we as a conference, we as regions and associations, and we as individual churches, can move to meet this challenge. Time was spent discussing how we can resource and partner together as we follow God's leading in this area of ministry outreach. Norm Poelke, VP of Ministry Outreach is currently working with a team in developing a strategy for how we will resource and support this together as the International Office, Regions, and individual churches.

Part of that resourcing will be in the form of a partnership with two Church Planting Organizations. In Canada, we will partner with C2C and in the USA with Excel.

Details are being

finalized as to what will be involved in this partnership. Both organizations provide Church Planter Assessments, as well as Church Planter Training and Coaching.

C2C in particular exists to see Canada reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Their stated values include being Gospel Centered, Spirit led, and Mission Focused. Gospel Centered means that the person and work of Jesus Christ must be at the centre in each church planter and church plant.

Rather than focusing on a "cause" there needs to be a focus on a "person" and that person is Jesus Christ.

Being Spirit led

means relying on the leadership of the Spirit through the Word, through God's people, and through much prayer. The Mission Focused aspect reminds us that we are a sent people, a missionary people, and as such are called to live with this calling in mind.

Please be in prayer as we together as a conference, as Regions and Associations, and as individual churches seek to be a missionary people at home and abroad.

Romans 12:1,2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

