

## MERGE Leadership Meeting

April 16, 2020

Ron King, Barb Herzog, Bill Herzog, Todd Thomas, Kirk Schneemann, Calvin Sweeney, Christine Sweeney, Jonathan Perry

Barb – Shared about Ruth asking MERGE leadership team leading the Prayer at 3pm on Friday as part of the **Joseph Council**. Jonathan is not available. Kirk and Calvin said possibly but that time is difficult so can't commit. Todd and Ron are yes.

Barb – asked if materials were good on **Toledo Prays**. Ron and Todd said yes. Talked through the challenge with the offering and how it should be worded. Everyone believes it will be an online only event.

Ron – do we need to talk through any healing that needs to happen with Cornerstone. Should we use the Tithely app to make the giving easy. Bill liked that idea. Todd said giving has been steady, even a bit up. Ron ask Calvin how they are doing their giving. Calvin said more and more people are giving online or digitally.

Everyone shared that info on how social distancing will still occur at Toledo Prays for the pastors attending should we be online only.

Barb brought up that both us and Josh P contacted the **Convoy of Hope**. Looks like we are partnering with Josh P and George W on getting this to Toledo. George and City Light have a space in Temperance to accept the delivery. Bill shared that this location meets all the criteria to accept a delivery. Calvin said it would take coordination and conversation to know where the need is at. Will take some planning to see how and who can accommodate, accept and deliver. Lots of coordination needed to make this happen in a beneficial way for everyone in the chain. Bill suggested Calvin, Josh P, George W and maybe David K meet to talk about if we get this delivery, what is the plan. Christine said the conversation also needs to include the food pantries to see what they need to continue to serve. Two levels of conversation - high level to make a general plan and then a second level of conversation to see what will work on the frontlines.

Ron said they have people willing to serve and help where needed. Barb said they will set up a meeting to have these conversations.

Bill – how do we want to lead into the MERGE meeting today? Just ask people how they are doing?

Todd said yes, just a space to share.

Ron – also cover what is going on with Toledo Prays. Make sure everyone knows the plan and ask them to promote.

Calvin – is there going to be worship? He would like a song or two.

Christine – does not want to lead worship. Wants to just participate and be surrounded by other pastors. Todd said he will lead a song.

Bill – Craig Lynch wants to participate in the MERGE meeting today. He is just going to listen in. Ron – it is ok to give him space to share if he has something on his heart or has a word. Calvin – if Bill says yes, he trusts him. HAHAAH. Todd has something to share. Barb and Bill will share on Toledo Prays in the meeting.

Todd – has something to share with Calvin and Christine.

Bill – shared he really struggled over Easter. Felt pressure to perform. If he doesn't get his performance level up, people are going to turn it off. Todd said as he leads worship to an empty room – feels need to lead and do better in worship but that shouldn't be the job, should just be worshiping. Understands pressure. We put the pressure on ourselves. The 'family' is tuning in and we have others that we get to touch at this time. See it as an opportunity. Calvin – feels like a store window, people are window shopping, feels like he has to do a little more because new people are watching but then we have to give it to God. Teach and preach like God gave it to him and then let him do the rest.

Todd, Calvin and Christine stayed on for additional conversation.