

Diocesan Reimagining Task Force  
June 20, 2013  
8pm

Present: Scott Wilson, Brendan O'Sullivan-Hale, Steve Carlsen, Karen Sullivan, Lara Dreyer, Jaimie Murdock, Enid Morrison, Will Boggs, Alissa Goudswaard, Bill Strauss, Katherine  
Absent: Rebecca Nickel, Bill Barfield, Mary Taflinger, Randy Conner

Meeting may be live-tweeted using #indydiotf

### **Opening Prayer**

Enid opens us with prayer.

### **Updates**

Budget report - Steve Carlsen

- 2,000/in-person gathering, 2/year
- 100/mo for technology
- 2500 this year, 5000 next year

Communications - Brendan O'Sullivan-Hale

- need content and admin for Facebook and Twitter
- standards - keep tone optimistic and cheerful

Data Gathering - Lara Dreyer

- publish information on website
- list of questions and conversations for evangelism team.  
In Dropbox in "Data Gathering" folder

Evangelism - Scott Wilson

- How do we present work of the TF?
  - Not extemporaneous
- What do we talk about?
  - Testimonies - why am I episcopalian?
  - FAQs
  - Default responses:
    - "That's a great question, let me bring it back to the TF"
    - "That's a great question, what do you think?"
  - Responsibility to return responses to questioners
- What is the timeline?
  - Work with rectors to find best form for discussion (forum, dinner, homily, weekday)

### **Next Steps:**

## Bible Study Materials to Launch

### Plan for Evangelism

- Which laypeople are willing?
  - Enid, Brendan, Will, Katherine, Bill, Karen
- Commitment to visit all parishes before this time next year.
- Ensure we contact all clergy, all diocesan convention delegations

- Enid: History of Diocesan Themes that are announced to great fanfare and then disappear - Enid does not want us to fade out

- Karen: Keep the IndyDioTF communications at the top of the list. Also, to whom do people respond?

- Katherine: Was asked to give an update at deanery meeting, feels we need the script soon.

- Enid proposes clergy letter to supplement the mailbag

### Data Gathering

- Tension between gathering information and communicating findings
- Divide into teams to focus on particular areas
- Are we at a point we can start producing some content?
  - Ideas
    - Good things happening in diocese (examples: appreciative inquiry, Barnabas Project, Pathways to Vitality)
    - Communications Roadblock. Example best practices (Diocese of Chicago as gold standard; but Southern Ohio and Atlanta are very good)
    - Budget *analysis* (are we ready for recommendations?)
    - Diocesan convention: can we highlight leadership roles?

- What data do we still need to gather?

- Publish resources page:

[http://www.reimagineindydio.org/wp-login.php?redirect\\_to=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.reimagineindydio.org%2F?p=89](http://www.reimagineindydio.org/wp-login.php?redirect_to=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.reimagineindydio.org%2F?p=89)

- Meet with the diocesan office and staff to build rapport

- Karen: Get information about the endowment and the language used to create it. Constantly comes up in budget discussions. / Lara added to diocese questions in workbook

- Listening sessions questions, waiting on response from

Brendan looking for a quick sentence for each parish. Some places make this easy via websites and Facebook, others harder. What makes each place special?

-- Alissa volunteers to take reins

### Diocesan Convention planning

- Workshops? (we have some time on this)

- Any legislation we will want to propose at this convention?
  - more for next year than this year
- Doodle poll has us converging on September 21

Creating opportunities for conversation w/ the household

- Weekly discussion at regular time for anyone in Diocese to join
- need to come up with discussion topics
- over Google Hangouts, most likely

Other items

- Reflection on progress
  - Brendan worries about stalling out, but talking to national committee member @ Waycross finds reassurance. Work on the ground is important
  - Katherine is looking for things to participate in, more contributions
  - Enid says that we need good infrastructure to succeed and is where we are at, and it's not glamorous, but critical

Target time frame for next meeting

- Monthly meetings

Consensus for evangelism teams of 2-3. Not individuals.

Closing Prayer

### **Action Items**

Brendan - Save communications standard to dropbox

Brendan - Send Doodle poll immediately

Lara - finish questions for publishing over weekend