**Church Visioning Forum 2 - VALUES** ([date], 11.30am – 1.30pm)

**Need**: workbooks, ppt presentation, pens/pencils, laptop, connector, A3 paper, textas, projector pages to tally feedback, Refining our Purpose box, core 5 flyers, Blended Ecology flyers.

**Technical** **setup** - laptop from front to screen; roving microphones [name]; room set-up [name]

**Room setup**: 6-8 chairs around tables (leader at each table); workbooks, A3 paper, textas, pens on tables

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| **Time** | **Content** | **Need** | **Who** |
| 11.30  ***15 min*** | **Welcome, review foundational concepts & pray around tables**  **3 questions:**  Churches need to have an honest picture of who they are  Churches need to have shared vision of where they are going  They need to have a clear understanding of the next steps..  **3 assumptions:**  Healthy Churches grow! numerical, spiritual, financial, emotional.  The Holy Spirit causes churches to grow, not these seminars!  Prayer is foundational for any healthy church.  **Train Diagram:** definitions | slides, workbook |  |
| 11.45  ***15 min*** | **Report back on Purpose Statement draft**   1. Review process so far: looked at Bible verses and identified elements we thought should be included, VT drafted some statements. Guiding principles:  * short, simple, concise - but also complete * avoiding religious language - considerations of audience   No statement will perfectly satisfy all preferences, but do want further feedback on the drafts:   1. Refer tear-off page at back & *choose 1 draft statement then state what they like & how it might be improved? (individually)* 2. Give a couple of minutes to complete. Collect those that are ready. For those who want more time, please deposit in the designated box in the foyer by **next Sun [date]** latest. 3. This should give us what we need so VT can prepare final draft for our prayer & consideration for final adoption. | slides,  tear off page |  |
| 12.00  ***10 min*** | **Report back on Life-Cycle & Critical Issues**   1. **Life-cycle**  * show ppt indicating how many people indicated each stage   Key Q: *are we seeking to adopt the right strategies for our stage?*   * *Don't apply a band-aid when reconstruction surgery is required.* There's no gain for underestimating decline - no penalty for overestimating decline.   >>We see ourselves as [stage] – this means…[impetus for change?]   1. **Critical Issues**  * we compiled a full list of issues people believe the church will need to face over the next 2 years * obviously different comments reflect the priorities & personality of those commenting: some more optimistic & others less so * review *summary of themes* that emerged | slides, workbook |  |
| 12.10  ***15 min*** | **Baptist ‘core 5’ values** - refer flyers   * Can we affirm these? *We're working to clarify our distinctive or 'core 3' values but can we also affirm these values as ones with which we more broadly identify?* * individually complete questions in workbook * invite reflections back to large group - shared ideas on screen * Ask: *Can we affirm the 'core 5' values of the Baptist movement (as an expression of the broader values we hold, & in a way that acknowledges we are a part of this broader movement?* Respond 1 = strongly opposed, to 5 = enthusiastic agreement. In between reflects degree of reservation. | slides,  flyers,  workbook, A3 paper,  textas, computer page for feedback |  |
| 12.25  ***30 min*** | **Values Refinement**   * review page: def'n, aim, form, real vs aspirational (missing) values * report on top 9 values discovered in CVM1 * any we need to add from good memories (came thru strongly)? * Values banner - individually choose your top 3, share in small groups & top 3 onto group banner, group banners up front & top 3 selected for single banner, most repeated one in centre. * you also have the option of identifying up to 2 ‘missing’ values each (under your banner) individually, then group, then for the single ‘large group’ banner. Only write them down if you believe your convictions are real enough to drive you to action. Avoid wishful thinking or pretending. | slides, workbook,  A3 paper, textas, computer page for feedback |  |
| 12.55  ***10 min*** | **Negative Values**   * Review tear-off page * Pray protection for the group & ask the Holy Spirit to bring to mind one or two aspects He would have us identify. * This is to be anonymous - don’t put your name on the sheet * After a few minutes please tear off page, fold in two & hand in | slide,  tear-off page |  |
| 1.05  ***10 min*** | **Growth options: Congregational Sizes & Blended Ecology**   * different size churches require church life to operate in different ways - growth requires change * there is no one right kind of church - blended ecology overview   *Key Q: Is God calling us to grow in size or to send?* | slides,  workbook |  |
| 1.15  ***15 min*** | **Vision exercise: What might the Church look like in 5 Years Time?**   * complete individually: what you expect more than what you dream * feedback to large group, record shared expectations on screen * score 5 aspects (size, feeling, location, etc) by show of hands, on screen (aimed at taking 'temp' ie. how optimistic / pessimistic) * if time, small groups record shared dreams, then submit page or share with large group to record on screen. * if further time, from this list (try to limit to 8-9 items), everyone can make 3 votes of what they think God wants for the future | slides, workbook,  A3 paper, textas, computer page ready for feedback |  |
| 1.30pm | **Close in prayer** |  |  |

**Follow-up**

* visioning team attempt final draft of purpose statement based on feedback, to seek affirmation at next CVM
* visioning team attempt to draft options for values statement, and distribute for feedback or await next CVM: taking into account core values, missing values, negative values.
* visioning team seek to discern any common themes emerging for the vision.