

NPCL Applied Projects 2: Presentations
July 15-16, 2019

Sara McManus, Flame of Faith UMC, West Fargo, ND

Financial Policies and Procedures: Documented financial policies and procedures into a formal manual. Developed a holistic approach to Stewardship with the creation of a year-round plan of stewardship and generosity.

Gary Liker, Grace UMC, Pequot Lakes, MN

New Ministry Teams for a New Era: After re-visioning, focused on how to live into the vision by forming new ministry teams around discipleship, membership, outreach, and worship; developed guiding statements to provide missional direction for each team.

Brooker Heerwald Steiner, Excelsior UMC, Excelsior, MN

Visioning for the Future: Developed new purpose, vision, and mission statements, a facility plan – both short and long-term, simplified governance structure, and a marketing team to evaluate internal and external communications.

Carol Zaagsma, Portland Ave. UMC, Bloomington, MN

Visioning along with Empowering Leaders: Evaluated the vision and mission of the Port resulting in the strengthening of small group ministry, improved communication to all, creation of The Navigator team to guide strategic direction, and helped congregation reconnect with identity with a 65th church anniversary celebration.

Randy Koppen, Redwood Falls UMC, Redwood, MN

Leadership Board Governance Structure (Sleep, creep, and leap): Created a more nimble governance structure shifting to a future-focused board while improving membership engagement and volunteer efforts by connecting members to their places of interest and passion.

Tyler Sit, New City Church, Minneapolis, MN

Key Goals of New City Church: Created and strengthen financial reporting, amplified communication efforts, and raised funds to support The Incarnation Fund focused on healing through spiritual direction, somatic experiences, and nature-based therapy.

Max Richter, Champlin UMC, Champlin, MN

Child-Friendly Service: Created a child-friendly worship service utilizing young adults and young parents using creativity and technology.

Ryan Mutzenberger, First UMC, Fargo, ND

Mission and Vision Communication: Strengthened web presence, equipped members to better know and understand the mission and vision, focused on what people “see” when they “see” us strategies.

Katie Ricke, Zion UMC, Beresford, SD

Developing a Discipleship Pathway: Developed a team to create a vision for discipleship along with an assessment to help the congregation examine their own journey to discipleship with goals to increase small group participation, worship attendance, and overall engagement in spiritual growth efforts.

Rebecca Trefz, Dakotas AC, Mitchell, SD

“Unified Evaluation Tool and Process”: Developed an evaluation process as a means of improving conference equipping events and improving implementation of learning objectives.

Jen Tyler, Evergreen UMC, Wahpeton, ND

Wednesday Evening Programming: Focused on building disciples from a young age, reprioritizing “Priority over Preference”, and examining how to meet the spiritual needs of young children and families.

Brenda King, First UMC, Zion UMC, Appleton, MN

“Growing Together”: Four small churches explored new possibilities on growing together with combined efforts around children’s programming including VBS and a variety of worship service options including intergenerational services, Sunday night services, and Lenten services.

Nate Melcher, Richfield UMC, Richfield, MN

Stewarding Vision: Created a playbook for the Youth and Young Adult Ministry that included a total ministry audit.

Jeff Ozanne, Willmar UMC, Willmar, MN

“There Must Be a Better Way” church structure discovery: Explored ways to be effective in the use of the structure in order to operate effectively and fulfill the mission and vision.