



## Pastoral Ministers' Association Meeting Minutes October 17, 2006 Meeting held at Christ the Redeemer

The meeting began at 10:05 AM with a prayer service led by Christ the Redeemer members. Chris Kozlowski thanked Redeemer for hosting the PMA. All present introduced themselves.

### **Presentation:**

Dan Kopp and Dan Mountney from Kensington Community Church (KCC) gave a presentation addressing the question "Why do 'Mega Churches' attract members?" Highlights from Kopp's address:

- The typical KCC attendee/member is someone who is new to faith/church or returning after an absence and who has felt God is irrelevant. KCC's slogan is, "Church for people who have given up on church."
- The target KCC member is a 35-year-old male with children. KCC believes that if men come, women and children will come with them, but not necessarily the reverse case.
- The teaching is Bible-based with evangelical roots. Much basic education is done, primarily in small home-based groups; many who come have had no history of Christian belief or education.
- Kensington views their competition for members NOT other churches, but Sunday morning TV.
- 50% of KCC members have Catholic roots.
- Their Sunday services are primarily non-participatory and theme/message focused. Other services during the week invite more participation.

Kopp went through the top ten reasons mega-churches attract members. They are:

1. "Relevant Sermons" – applying Bible to everyday life
2. Small Groups – opportunity for community
3. Seeker Friendly Atmosphere – start with basics; no insider language
4. WalMart mentality – everything under one roof
5. Relationship not Religion – "want to" rather than "have to"
6. Excellence Core Value – drama, music, video, teaching team
7. Anticipation – "What are they going to do this week?"
8. Volunteer – "the" church becomes "my church"
9. Outreach
10. Student Ministries – age appropriate teaching

Kopp showed video of a recent Kensington Sunday service to help us understand how music, drama and preaching are carefully combined around a single topic.

Following Kopp's presentation, Dr. Robert Fastiggi from Sacred Heart Seminary gave a Catholic view of Christianity. He explained historical Roman Catholic doctrine in detail. He traced the roots of Protestantism and spoke on his belief that all Christians should be of one church, namely Catholicism. He stated that without the Eucharist there is no church.

After a short break there was a question and answer session with Kopp and Mountney, facilitated by Fr. Joe Dailey. Some topics covered were:

- Best Practices – how to attract volunteers (Serving Fair)
- Engaging teens and young adults
- "Stickiness" – getting anonymous attendees to join more fully.
- Love –Lock (arms)-Live (with open hands) – KCC's message to engage people

In closing, Fr. Joe Dailey encouraged those present to review Vatican II documents for a more updated view on the Catholic faith and teachings.

## Collaborative/Networking

Conscience formation and election issues – Jacques Pasquier talked about the upcoming election. He urged everyone to consider Catholic Social Teaching when deciding on candidates and proposals. Jacques also brought guidebooks and flyers that can be used to understand the election from a Catholic perspective.

The ACTS update and Pastoral Care of the Sick ad hoc committee report that were scheduled were postponed until the next PMA meeting in November

The meeting ended with a closing prayer and lunch at 12:20 PM.

## Future PMA Meetings

- **Tuesday, November 21, 2006 at Guest House** Topic: Dealing with difficult people  
Our speaker will be psychologist and therapist Lynn Thomas. Jan Hall is requesting that PMA members submit specific issues for Lynn to discuss. Examples are: co-workers, committees, parents, parishioners, etc.  
**Please email any ideas ASAP to Jan Hall at [jmhdac@stmarysofthehills.org](mailto:jmhdac@stmarysofthehills.org) .**
- Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at St. Joseph Hospital  
Topic: Children's Ministry – Revitalizing Religious Education
- Monday, February 26, 2007, 7:00 PM PAV Assembly  
St. Andrew Activities Building Speaker: Fr. Clarence Williams on Racism
- Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at Notre Dame Prep/Marist  
Lenten Retreat: Focus on faith and belief; other religions (Islam)
- Tuesday, April 17, 2007 at St. Michael Ten year vision for the PAV
- Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at St. John Fisher, Planning for 2007-2008/Survey

## Attendance:

Tom Donahoo	Archdiocese of Detroit
Michael Harning	Archdiocese of Detroit
Carol Jadach	Archdiocese of Detroit
Mike McCallion	Archdiocese of Detroit
Barb Williams	CCRT Office
Fr. Joe Dailey	Christ the Redeemer Parish
Marilyn Lines	Christ the Redeemer Parish
Henry Mucha	Christ the Redeemer Parish
Lisa Pratt	Christ the Redeemer Parish
Karen Swietlik	Christ the Redeemer Parish
Barbara Jean Pelak, OP	Dominican Sisters
Rakhi Roy	Genesis Ministries/Woodward Corridor
Karen Hawver, SC	Holy Family Regional School
Carla Vandercruyssen	Holy Family Regional School
Dan Kopp	Kensington Community Church
Dan Mountney	Kensington Community Church
Marian Harvey, IHM	Lake Orion Nursing Home
Diane Guappone	North Oakland Medical Center
Peggy Devaney, IHM	OC CrimJustice Min.Adults
Judy Gordon	PAV Administrative Assistant
Renee St. Dennis	Pontiac Catholic Community
Fr. Chris Talbot	Pontiac Catholic Community
Fr. Sean Sylvester	Pontiac Catholic Community
Fr. Jim Mayworm	Sacred Heart of the Hills Parish
Ann Meyers	Sacred Heart of the Hills Parish
Michael Stach	Sacred Heart of the Hills Parish
Nancy Clancy	St. Andrew Parish

Kathy Fabian	St. Andrew Parish
Jane Gimbutis	St. Andrew Parish
Jane Peters	St. Andrew Parish
Maureen Schreffler	St. Andrew Parish
Rae Stumpf	St. Andrew Parish
Maria Geryk	St. Benedict Parish
Melanie Avila	St. Irenaeus Parish
Pat Busch	St. Irenaeus Parish
Sue Hug	St. Irenaeus Parish
Fr. Frank Pollie	St. Irenaeus Parish
Paul Borucki	St. John Fisher Chapel U.P.
Fr. Jerry Brzezinski	St. John Fisher Chapel U.P.
Sue Buratto	St. John Fisher Chapel U.P.
Mary Ann Dixon, OP	St. John Fisher Chapel U.P.
Nancy Isken	St. John Fisher Chapel U.P.
Nancy Mason Bordley	St. John Fisher Chapel U.P.
Jacques Pasquier	St. John Fisher Chapel U.P.
Theresa Darga, OSF	St. Joseph Elementary School
Jon Myers	St. Joseph Elementary School
Peggy Bartz	St. Joseph Parish
Fr. Ralph Besterwitch	St. Joseph Parish
Debbie Bloomgren	St. Joseph Parish
Kathy Galbraith	St. Joseph Parish
Kathy Hasty	St. Joseph Parish
Cheryl McCartney	St. Joseph Parish
Mary Martin	St. Joseph Parish
Kim Myers	St. Joseph Parish
Laura Corrion	St. Mary of the Hills Parish
Jan Hall	St. Mary of the Hills Parish
Judith Kozlowski	St. Mary of the Hills Parish
Chris Kozlowski	St. Mary of the Hills Parish
Fr. Stan Ulman	St. Mary of the Hills Parish
Dila Dusovic	St. Paul Albanian Parish
Fr. Anton Kcira	St. Paul Albanian Parish