

Church Planting Culture Committee Report September 11, 2018

The committee met on 8/28/18.

Howard shared a draft summary of notes from Nathan and Christine Chan's weekend visit on 8/24-8/27. It was reviewed for comment and correction.

Bruce shared a post-visit email from the Chan's which reiterated (with more detail) 3 key questions which had been raised during their visit (possible partnership with Grace Church, specific job expectations and potential career path options). Discussion followed concerning possible responses and timing. Howard volunteered to send an email to the Chan's with our plan to answer their questions plus an offer for them to share their perspectives as we proceed.

The committee was then asked if the Chan's visit had stimulated thinking about any potential changes to our General Approach to Church Planting or our Specific Implementation plan for the Madera Church?

We observed that both documents are currently written with the "congregational bricks and mortar" church model as the assumed end state. The Implementation Plan includes a step saying that when the collective Houses of Prayer members totaled 50-60 people, we would ask them if they wanted to gather and worship together. The rest of the plan proceeds based on an assumption that they say "Yes". We could also add steps to follow if they "No" (such as an association of house churches). Such modifications would need to be approved by the Elders and the Council. Is there conceptual approval to proceed?

The committee reviewed the Madera Church Status Report. There was little change from last month. If the changes mentioned above are approved, then the Status Report would be changed accordingly.

The committee also updated the specific prayer list for the Madera church plant and then took it to the Lord.

In His Service,
Howard