

Report of the New Worshiping Communities Commission

Action Items:

None at this time

Information Items:

Providing Support and Accountability New Worshipping Community Leaders

- Received regular updates from Kevin Long about his work building Intertwined Faith Community
- Acted as a liaison for Kevin with other Presbytery committees to help him navigate the ordination process.

Develop systems and processes in cooperation with other Presbytery committees, commissions, and staff to support the work of new worshipping communities.

- Collaborated with the Administration Committee to create processes for Kevin, and eventually other NWC leaders to access funds received from grants and offerings.
- Collaborated with the Administration Committee to understand the Presbytery budget process and recommend that the Presbytery make a financial commitment to the work of planting New Worshiping communities.
- Met with COM chair Tony Lorenz and along with Kristal Smith developed a specific process for ordaining Kevin Long as an Organizing pastor/Evangelist. We will continue to partner with COM in the months ahead.

Educate, engage and interest our established congregations about the work of new worshipping communities, planting creative seeds and creating connections.

- Caleb McClure shared information about the 1001 New Worshiping Communities initiative and the work of new worshipping communities in the Presbytery Newsletter

Respectfully Submitted by

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