

## Minutes for the Conference CORE TEAM Meeting

May 14, 2015

Blue Lake

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Steve Furr.

A “thank you” from the team was issued to **Neil McDavid** for his faithful service to the CORE Team and his leadership through the 6 years he has served.

After each one present introduced themselves, a **devotion** was given by Steve Lewandowski. He used the story of the Starfish in showing how we each can be of help to someone else even when we don't feel we are helping very many.

The **minutes** of the last meeting were approved with no corrections.

We were reminded that the offering taken on the Sunday night service at Annual Conference will go to the “**Imaging No Malaria**” campaign.

We were each given a handout with a copy of the covenant between our conference and the **Red Bird Mission**. Churches were listed that had already agreed to come on board. Susan Hunt will keep us informed as to needs and progress.

**Annual Conference** was discussed with reminders of the music which will be provided throughout the conference.

We were reminded of the **focus** of our CORE Team is centered around 4 regular meetings: (1) Visions for ministries; (2) Evaluation of the ministries; (3) Budget Recommendations; and (4) New and emerging ministries.

The main discussion for this meeting was concerning **Circles of Transformation (COT)**. A presentation was given by Laurel Blackwell with an update on this ministry. This ministry focuses on breaking the cycle of poverty to have changed lives. It is a ministry with the poor not to the poor. Circles of Transformation broke away from the National Contractual Group and now it can be its own ministry. COT can bring the community into the church and take the church into the community. There are currently 6 COT Circles currently active.

### **Upcoming meetings:**

- September 3, 2015, 9 AM, Blue Lake, lunch served. RSVP is required.
- December 1, 2015, 9:30 AM, Montgomery First, lunch served. RSVP is required.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer given by Bishop Paul L. Leeland.

Humbly submitted,

*Pat Caylor*