

President's Report
June 10, 2008

May continued to be a busy month for the Personnel Committee, and thus, me, but we are finally making headway! We continue to meet every couple of weeks to try to keep ahead of falling behind. We have the two job openings for Youth Director and Custodian posted on our website with a link to the individual job description for each. A new way to use our website!

Thank you to everyone for your prompt replies to my poll regarding the issue of starting Pastor Rist ahead of budget and schedule. Pastor Meiers and I discussed things at length and feel we reached the correct decision. We extended an official offer to Pastor Rist of a June 16 start date and he has accepted that. I have had the pleasure to meet him and talk with him in person, and I am confident that you will be as pleased as I am on our decision once you meet him. Pastor Rist will preach on June 18 and 22 for the first time at Hosanna and will be present during the week of VBS.

I'm anxious to hear from you Advocates what communication/discussions you've had with your ministry teams this past month. I believe this is the groundwork that we can use for some of the development we talked about needing during our retreat and earlier Council meetings.

One of my concerns is what will we do with all this learning and knowledge that we are acquiring as a Council? How will we continue to benefit Hosanna's future from it? Are we just meeting deadlines and attending meetings to have one more month out of the way? Or are we looking ahead and seeing what we feel we have left to do and recognizing how much time we have to do it in? Are we challenging ourselves to remain involved or are we looking forward to retirement and the anticipation of doing nothing?

Some of the things still on my mind for us:

- Effective utilization of our website effectively for outreach and internal information on ministry;

- Utilizing the talents of our Leadership Development Team in all levels of ministry at Hosanna;

- Determining an Advocate's role;

- Picking up what's falling through the cracks: understanding why and figuring out how to fix it.

I thank God continually for all of you and the work you do! May you be richly blessed!

Ever your servant,
President Darnell