

Transitional Period Priorities for December

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The congregation has five Transitional Period tasks: *come to terms with history, clarify current identity; establish an energizing, congregationally owned vision; evaluate current structure, revise as discerned; and prepare for new leadership*. My five tasks will help you accomplish your tasks: *join the system; analyze the organization as a system; remain connected with MC USA; focus and assume responsibility to lead the process; and exit and evaluate*.

Before you can begin your task of coming to terms with history, I must join the system, and complete a major portion of my analysis. Your December transitional work is primarily helping me join the system and providing initial information for analysis.

Getting Acquainted, December 2 & 5

Dec. 2 - 1:30 p.m. at Sideboard Room at Greencroft Healthcare; 2:45 and 6:00 p.m. in Koinonia Rooms (300/301)

Dec. 5 - 6:00 p.m. in Koinonia Rooms (300/301)

The four get-acquainted sessions are intended for households who have not been scheduled for a home visit. Pat will join me on December 2. Each session will begin with brief introductory comments, after which you will have ample time to share your names and ask get-acquainted or transitional period clarification questions. There will be opportunities in the future for you to share your insights and/or concerns regarding the congregation.

Home Visits, December 3-16

Half of the 100+ homes visited will be congregational leaders and half will represent a random sampling of households. The selected households are being contacted to set up an appointment. You can help maximize the benefit of the 45 minute visit by not serving food, and by completing the form below for me to take at the end of the visit.

If I am not visiting your home, please complete the form below, detach and return it to the church office by December 16. I would really like to receive one from every adult and high school youth at CMC! A high return percentage will strengthen the value of this process. I will be the only one to see your form. A summary report will be made available to the congregation. Space is limited to encourage brief responses! More forms are available at the church office.

Age:	Years attending CMC:	Years of Formal Education:
<input type="checkbox"/> 17 and under	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 or less	<input type="checkbox"/> 12 or less
<input type="checkbox"/> 18 - 34	<input type="checkbox"/> 5-14	<input type="checkbox"/> 13-16
<input type="checkbox"/> 35 - 49	<input type="checkbox"/> 15-24	<input type="checkbox"/> 17+
<input type="checkbox"/> 50 - 64	<input type="checkbox"/> 25+	
<input type="checkbox"/> 65 - 79		
<input type="checkbox"/> 80 +		

1. What was the primary influence in coming to CMC the first time? (select only one)
 a pastor programming friends family other _____
2. Why are you still here? _____
3. What is the congregation's greatest strength? _____
4. What is your spiritual gift? Are you using it in or through College Mennonite Church? _____

5. If you could change one thing at College Mennonite to make it more effective and faithful for Kingdom of God purposes, what would that be? _____

Your Name : _____