

## Partnership for Missional Churches

In the middle of January, members from the PMC steering committee, council members and new faces recruited to be part of year two's activities all gathered at the winter cluster meeting in Florissant. At the meeting, we spent Friday night listening to each other discuss their process thus far, their successes, their frustrations, their confusion, their experiences during year one. On Saturday, the leaders held a review session before breaking us into three groups where we were given our assignments for the upcoming months. The PMC steering committee has been broken into two separate groups – the MET (Missional Engagement Team) and the BBT (Bridge-Building Team). These two groups will be meeting together on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 to share information and plan their steps moving forward.

Year two of the PMC process is identified as the experimental phase. This is the time where we start moving into action on the missional statement that was identified at the retreat held in November: to make a positive impact on the families, especially children, found in the Kirkwood community. Through building relationships with people in our community, we will be trying to find our way as a faith community to be about God's work that is already going on in our community. At the cluster meeting we were informed that through this experimental phase we are to understand that we may face failures, but through our efforts and relationship building, we will find our way to meaningful work, God's work, here in Kirkwood.

As a community, we are encouraged to dwell in the word of God. We have been given a new scripture reading to dwell in for this phase of our journey: 2 Corinthians 4: 1-12. Dwelling is where we practice listening to the word of God and we are told that our PMC journey will be far more successful if we, as a church community, practice listening to God so that we are better able to listen to those around us. If you have questions about dwelling, please see me or Pastor Zac and we will be happy to help answer questions and assist in any way we can.

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