

February 2023 COE Report

Our February meeting began with dinner, and then we immediately went into a brain-stretching session as we discussed the book, "Against Liberal Theology," led by Graham Nickel, who chairs our Theology Committee. Mostly, we discussed the differences between liberal and progressive Christianity, and between modernism and postmodernism. While there are many differences, both positive and negative, to summarize our discussion, Modernism emphasizes the freedom of all individuals. To be continued.

Our prayer time focused on congregants who came, for those from our church who have requested prayer recently, and for our ministries.

We were introduced to Jesse Wilson, and after a brief Q & A, we are happy to affirm the SLT's recommendation that he become our Community Group Pastor.

Our giving continues to be relatively strong, as we are in a time of discernment around the potential building campaign.

Many in the congregation have been interviewed concerning the project, and many more have responded to the questionnaire that was emailed. A Town Hall has been scheduled for March 14th, 7:00 PM, at the Mission Campus, and a Special General Meeting for Tuesday, April 4th, where we anticipate a vote. The intent is that we require an additional \$5 million dollars either in cash or pledges to trigger construction. The website now has a New Building Update that tells the story, shows some drawings, and has lots of FAQ's. If you have more questions, please send them to questions@northview.org.

A couple of weeks ago, we hosted Stephen Braye from Mile One Mission, with about 150 Northview people attending an info meeting. While he was here, we hosted pastors from the area to meet and talk church planting, with 35 pastors representing 5 denominations gathering together. As you may know, we will be having a group of our youth visiting Newfoundland in the near future.

Our Campus Update was brought by Joshua Scott at our Central Campus, where things are going extremely well. Community among the attenders is very strong, and both children's and middle school ministries growing. On March 5th, there were 261 in attendance! It's getting hard to find a parking spot if you're running late!

We finished our regular meeting with a conversation with Gil Dueck, Academic Dean, and Derek Regusky, Director of Finance and Operations, at Columbia Bible College. All colleges and universities are facing challenges these days, and CBC is no exception. It was good to have this update, and the



opportunity to discuss what the future of CBC could look like, especially as Bryan Born will be entering retirement.

If you have questions for the Council of Elders, feel free to send them to cklassen@northview.org.

God bless, and keep praying!

Phil Routly