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## 2019 Current Position and Future Alignment for Restoration Fellowship

### I. 2018/2019 Practical Outlook

- A. Finances – See attached Page
- B. Building Projects – Throughout the summer and winter of 2018 our CEC building roof has been leaking, mostly on the North Side and so we are currently in process of shoring up the buildings foundations, supports, and trusses. We will be putting a new roof on the entire building in June. Because of God’s provision and your faithfulness we will be able to cover this project in cash.

### II. 2018 in Review – A year of Transition

- A. Seasons Not Years – It’s important for us to understand that God biblically leads His people through strategic seasons rather than following our Gregorian calendar. So it is better to consider 2018 marking the start of a very intense season of transition in our church family. I’m not sure the season of transition is over yet even though the 2018 calendar year is over.
- B. Jeremiah Johnson – Jeremiah called me 2 weeks after his time with us in the spring of 2018. He told me that he felt like God showed him that He was going to cause a major transition in the body of Christ starting in June of 2018 and that we would be greatly affected. Jeremiah encouraged me that these transitions would be painful but was necessary for ushering in the next season of His activity in the body of Christ.
- C. God’s leadership in moving people resulted in removal of many key individuals who facilitated many of our core values in various expressions of ministry.

### III. 2019 Prophetic Sense

- A. Three major themes have come out of our time of waiting upon the Lord to understand how we can align ourselves with what He is wanting to do in our midst.
  - 1. **Eyes of Fire** – Unrelenting in His pursuit of our whole heart and removal of everything that hinders the fullness of love. We feel confident that we are entering a season of experiencing the jealousy of His love and His relentless pursuit of the fullness of ours. Understanding the fierceness of His love for us beckons us to respond. (Ex. 3:2; 24:15-18; Duet. 4:24; Ps. 50:2-6; Is. 66:15; Dan. 7:9 Heb. 12:18-29; Rev. 1:14, 2:18)
  - 2. **New Wineskins** – We also believe that the Lord is clearly saying that He is bringing us into a season in which He will begin to lead us into creating new wineskins under His leadership. (Lk. 5:33-39)

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- a. These new wineskins will facilitate our core values being expressed in the practical day to day of our ministry to Him and to each other. We believe the primary reason for the transition season He brought us into recently was to disrupt current wineskins in order to lead us into instituting new ones.
- b. One of the major tensions we will face in this process is feeling loss in the midst of change. We combat this by celebrating what God has done and where He has brought us and understanding that we could not be brought into a new season without faithfulness in the past season.
- c. We will also need patience as we wait for clear leadership from the Lord rather than trusting in our own strength as we desire to institute new wineskins that facilitate our core values.
- d. Example: Our Core Value of (Healing and Deliverance) found its expression primarily in the “wineskin” of cleansing stream ministry methods and training.

*“Growth equals change; change equals loss; loss equals pain; so inevitably, growth equals pain.” Reluctance to face pain is your greatest limitation. There is no growth without change, no change without loss, and no loss without pain.” – Samuel Chand*

3. **Extravagant Giving of Ourselves** – The final thing that we gleaned from our season of fasting was that He was calling us into a season of extravagant giving of our time, treasure, and talent. We feel that He is specifically highlighting the areas of relationship and establishment of our unique callings and gifts. (Mk. 4:20-23; 2 Cor. 9:5-15)
  - a. God, leading into this season of giving of ourselves extravagantly, will establish us firmly in our individual uniqueness, and in turn thwart the schemes of the enemy who wants to cause division and bitterness in our church family through the arena of comparison.

### IV. Intentional Messaging and Guests in 2019

- A. We are going to be very purposeful this year to keep these 3 places of alignment in the forefront of our hearts in messaging and methodology this year as we move into this new season. We are asking you to join with us in this endeavor to align our hearts and minds with His, through agreement, intercession, and intentionality.

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Department	%
Sunday service	\$0.23
Admin and facilities	\$0.31
Community life	\$0.04
Judea, Samaria and the ends of the earth	\$0.28
Children	\$0.14



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## Are We A Giving Church?

I. By the national statics:

A. In recent studies done by “Christianity Today” churches that are considered healthy in their culture of giving give roughly 25.00 per adult person in Sunday attendance. For example if you had 200 adults in Sunday service your offering that would be considered generous would be 5000.00. Churches that give radically would be considered churches that avg. 30.00 or more per adult per Sunday.

1. Based on this study a 200 member healthy giving church would give 260k per year. A radical giving church would give 312k.

B. In this same study church budgets were analyzed to determine how much on average was budgeted for staff and missions/outreach.

1. Staff – 55% of Budget
2. Missions/outreach - 15% of Budget

II. How did we compare to the national statics in 2018?

A. When we look at our giving numbers it is important to note that we have two primary ways people give.

1. General Giving is considered any giving that is not designated to a particular ministry or person. In 2018 as a church family we gave \$285,325 in general giving.

2. Designated Giving is giving that is designated to a particular ministry or person. In 2018 as a church family we gave \$105,581 in designated giving.

3. Even though these categories are different in how they are allocated they are represent the heart of giving that this church carries. In total we gave \$390,906 in 2018. Bear in mind that according to the national average a radical giving church of 200 adults would give 314k per year. We give way above this!!

B. According to average church budget spending we are also extremely dedicated to missions and outreach and good to our staff.

1. Staff – 54%
2. Missions/Outreach – 26% (Does not include Designated Funds)