

VISION OF THE MDC

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Unifying Our Council Sessions

- It takes our General Council and the Auxiliaries sharing the same ideology for our diocese by all of us embracing our motto ***"Proclaiming the Gospel, Jesus is Lord."***
- Our goal is to have at least 1000 people in attendance each night of the council, which is only 25% of the MDC. We must offer programming that will boost the attitude of the attendee to servitude as well as motivate our members to serve more effectively in their local church and the MDC. To accomplish such, we must be on the same page working toward the goals of the diocese.

Unifying the Council

- To aid in the process, our Council Sessions will have themes, which will help us to get the same message out to council attendees.

Sample Themes:

- **"Prepared to Serve"** – The purpose is to encourage people the need for continual training, development, reading good material, listening to those who have accomplished what you are trying to accomplish so we may be more effective in what we say we are called or compelled to do.
- **"Serving with a Purpose"** – The purpose is to explain that we should be focused to understand our assignment in the body of Christ, establishing goals that we should work toward to attain so we can determine whether we are successful or not.
- **"Witness for Jesus"** – The purpose is to aspire the saints of God to become engaged in outreach by various methods, which should impact our local churches to grow by being skilled in what is needed to reap the harvest.
- **"Making a Difference in a Broken World"**
- **"A Light in Darkness"**
- **"Expecting the Unexpected"**
- **"Expecting a Glorious Future"**
- **"Living for God in the 21st Century"**

VISION OF THE COUNCIL

- MDC Programming Department
- MDC Music Ministry Department
- MDC Children's Ministry Department

Value Our Resources

- Respecting all people, appreciating one another and encouraging everyone to have a mind to work to build their home church, the MDC and the P.A. of W. as we promote commitment and loyalty.

Growing the MDC

- Our goal is to grow the MDC to at least 100+ churches.
- To achieve this we must:
 - Recruit independent Apostolic Churches

Growing the MDC

- Establish churches in cities with a population of 10,000 people or more located within the diocese, which will require MDC to enhance its evangelism arm to go into the different cities with a goal to establish churches. Cities such as:
 - Jefferson City, MO
 - Columbia, MO
 - Cape Girardeau, MO
 - Sikeston, MO
 - Carbondale, IL

Growing the MDC

- The diocese must make sure that the church being established have financial support to operate for at least a year or two and the Pastor to have a salary.

MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT

MDC Ministry Institute

- To help our churches become stronger, we need to finalize the development of the MDC Ministry Institute, which will help our pastors by teaching church growth methodology, leadership training, effective team building, etc.
- We will sponsor seminars for pastors and their staffs not only at Council time but at various times throughout the year.

MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT

MDC Ministry Institute

- The MDC Ministry Institute will also train ministers to work effectively in their local church so they can be healthy for the purpose of growth in this 21st century and to prepare ministers for pastoring. Work through Christian Education.

Improving Communication throughout the Diocese

- Establish MDC Multi-media/Marketing Ministry
- Enhancing an interactive website connecting the MDC through Facebook
- Texting
- Other various means reaching the masses to make sure the MDC is informed

Improving Communication throughout the Diocese

- Creating new methods of marketing our council within and without our churches to increase overall involvement and attendance at council.
- Establish a newsletter to be printed 3 times a year.
- MDC Ambassadors (Outreach to MDC Churches)

Staffing the MDC
MDC Connection Department

- We need to establish the MDC Connection Department. (Human Resources). This department will recruit staff and be responsible to create and maintain a database of the membership at large to include their talents, skills and passion.

Finance

- In order for any vision to come to pass we need provision.
- We need to develop a Partner Program from the membership of the MDC that have businesses. It takes all of us and our resources to be successful.
- MDC Ways & Means Department (generating income)

Accountable Process

- MDC Chief of Staff

MDC Events

- Annual Leadership Summit (review of goals and objectives)
- MDC Rally Day
- Pastor's Retreat (re-establish the event)
- MDC Worker's Conference
- Open lunch with Bishop – for Pastors— every other month
- Outreach Revival
- Monthly Seminars
- Pastor's Breakfast (3 times per year)
- Pastor's Christmas Party
- Suff. Bishop/Dist. Elder Meetings
