

Vision 2032 – CFA Responses

Concerns

Aging demographics
Growing number of unchurched
Ministries to the marginalized or disappearing
Shrinking rural population
Clergy shortage
Losing connectionalism at general church, conference level, and local church
Cannot and have not developed leaders
It's hard to inspire when we ourselves feel we've lost our inspiration
Smaller churches getting smaller
Aging membership
Diverted focus
Decreased payment of apportionments
Future of the denomination

Excitements

Re-shaping the Conference
Younger generation's passion for justice and mission
There is always hope, but we need to choose that
When something is broken there is an opportunity for a rebirth and refreshed ideas
More laity involvement
Personal relationships are important
Cluster conferences offer more interaction

What could we do with a \$6 to \$8 million budget?

Higher-level of focus and alignment
Fewer districts
More laity involvement
More ordained elders responsibilities
More/higher level of efficiency
Alternate funding streams
Absolute clarity on the mission
Everybody can be a part of a bigger, better vision
Understanding the path to discipleship – a church of learners
Think outside the box because “the old box” is no more
More local/regional ownership
More thoughtful prioritizing - important to the local church
Churches direct conference versus the conference directing the local churches