

Waterloo

Concerns

Cultural outreach
Diversity openness
Non-profit sharing
New bible studies
Cause people to leave the church
World changed - do we need to
Families/people more mobile
We are not as friendly as we think
To inward focused
Not as a mission minded as we think
We have a poor self-image
Splits people/churches
Budget/money stewardship
Age/demographics
Competition from nonchurch activities
Non-denominational competition
Age of people
Nondenominational churches have better resources to attract younger people
Apathy
Allocations of finances for churches being used for Ministry or buildings
Stigma of everything being generated by "Des Moines"
Is there anything spend to reach out to our young people?
General conference 2020 rulings could create a split or mass exodus of people or churches
Church trials on homosexuality
Fear of fatalism
Less funds for resources/ministries within the conference
Losing our relevance in society
Money
Aging congregations
Declining population
Competition with sports activities
Who replaces the worker bees?
Connectionalism
Attrition
Communication
What will happen after General Conference 2020
Tribal
Resolve the LGBTQ issue
Lack of acceptance of all
Unpaid apportionments
Why are mainstream churches declining?
Sunday not reserved for church

Lack of clergy/age
Theological training for laity
2020 General Conference outcome
Rural parishes

- emmissions
- time of travel
- travel risk

Declining membership
Financial stresses
Aging congregations
Declining membership
Aging of members
Possible split
Clergy shortage
Lack of passion
Discrimination
#1 Youth
Facilities and building costs
Income from members
Attendance
Accessibility/health
Burn out - getting folks to serve
Diversity
Nationality
Sexuality
Splitting the church in two
Losing focus on what is really important helping the least end lost
How are we going to be relevant in the New Age

Excites

Aging
Finances
Building infrastructure
Disciplines
Societal changes
Political opinions
Returning ministering to laity
New people = diversity
Families/people more mobile
More people speaking up
Relationships developing
Spirit working
Going back to Wesleyan roots
Class meetings more accountable than small groups
Kansas City Church of the Resurrection programs
Connections
Bishop/leadership
Possibility of greater acceptance

God loves everyone
Few active young people
Cooperative ministry
More lay ministry
Mission minded churches
The bishops vision and leadership
Church trials on homosexuality has begun to empower and embrace what Jesus taught
Technology
Direct deposits (doesn't impact loss of services or snowbirds)
Plenty of opportunity to reach others
Flexibility of church being used by outside groups
Wednesday night activities
Possibilities in different skill set
Laity
Being present
Worship
Connected
Special Called General Conference 2019 awaked conversations for change
New technology to spread the word
Fewer clergy catalyst for laity involvement
Hope for 2032
Expanded role of Laity
Agile and adaptable churches
More youth/Younger/new growth
Permission to do things differently
Relationships over theology
Missional work
Excited youth
Technology
Opportunity to serve
Possibility of working with other denominations
Diversity
Nationality
Sexuality
Our focus on hunger in our neighborhood
More energy and less complacency
More respectful conversations
We still have churches in small communities
More power in the hands of the laity

6 Million ?

Less paperwork
Better Communication
Encourage laity - support and train
Teleconferencing

Technology

Lesson/teaching on how to engage in evangelical invitations

Learning teaching centers should be located at a local the excels at the gift not just a large church

Get rid of Conference Center and its \$500,000 debt

Pay General apportionments in same % as Iowa's submitted

More online teleconferencing meetings

- Have meetings across the state not just in Des Moines

More connectionalism

Restructure missions organization

More online training/studies including bible and worship

Laity clustering and communication with purpose

More involvement from laity

Eliminate conference Center or rent it out

Live stream - interactive conference and district meetings

Two day annual conference only

Cut overhead - sell inefficient church buildings

Don't give the services to churches who refuse to pay apportionments

More live stream of IAC and big events video conferencing

Sharing of resources i.e. Books study material etc.

Focus more on the leaders of congregational excellence

Consider Circuit riding model

Replace annual conference with "Adam Hamilton" type institute in districts by using internet to conduct business (blogging, podcasting) then teleconference/video

You share a church model to make everything available to all churches via Internet

Make charge conference productive or eliminate it. Another use of technology.

Make relationships primary

Technology

Streamlined admin burden

Realignment of faith communities

Mobile offices for District superintendents

Live conferencing versus in person

More excitement among laity

Clergy proficiency

Missional strategies for District superintendents

Flatten the management

Is fancy building necessary

Support combination of congregations

Expansion of technology to educate and expand

Exception of multi-cultures and organizations

Look into the outside financial support - grants

Be more open to diversity accepting multi cultural groups, races etc.

Different missions join forces and communicate with other churches and denominations

More churches the serve as hubs for smaller churches

Fire up laity

Churches learning/sharing with each others

Church owns it own passion for their choice of missions

Annual Conference live streamed to pods around the state

Remote locations for conference center

Fire up pastors and laity - smother in paperwork. Less busy-work more discipleship