

## Visioning Team Meeting of October 6, 2011

The team talked about a “web system” that would support the Cadeting Ministry. A private “Facebook like” system has been developed by Jeremy Bout and is presently being used by the Berean Council ([www.bereancouncil.ca](http://www.bereancouncil.ca)). There seemed to be agreement that such a system would be very beneficial to the organization — allowing counselors and clubs to network — share photos, projects, fundraising, activities, etc. There will be a proposal brought before the executive committee to have the CCC adopt Jeremy’s system. The system would be funded by individual clubs soliciting ads that would appear on their club page — \$150.00 per ad per year — asking clubs to try and get at least three ads on their page (total of 450.00). This money would go to the Jeremy’s organization to fund further development of features on the pages, for access to a troubleshooting individual to help assist counselors who are trying to use the system, and for developing educational online videos to train counselors on how to use the system.

Concerns were expressed about the funding of the system and that if sufficient funds are not flowing to Jeremy Bout’s development team from the system, at what point would he pull the plug on the system? What type of financial support would Jeremy need to keep the system going?

Agreed that we needed some answers to the above questions in order to move ahead on considering such a system.

A letter was presented to the Visioning team from a concerned GEMS counselor about why we should consider coordinating the efforts all three DYM ministries (Cadets, GEMS, Youth Unlimited) in Africa. Currently Cadets is active in Kenya, GEMS in Zambia, and Youth Unlimited has had various projects in several African countries.

The Visioning Team encourages the DYM board to look into possibilities for our efforts in Africa and recommend possible cooperative efforts.

A letter was received from Bert Bakhuyzen, our staff independent club coordinator, suggesting that there are good reasons for the CCC to change its name. Realizing that there are some strong feelings both ways on the issue, Bert suggested that maybe a “subdivision” of the CCC could be formed that would be named the Christian Cadet Clubs, and that possibly the independent clubs could become that subdivision.

Discussion centered at first around whether it was possible or feasible for a “subdivision” to be formed and the general consensus was that it would be better to rename the entire organization.

It was noted that there is no desire for the organization

to be any less reformed or even head in that direction — and, indeed, in the long history of name change discussions, it has never been suggested that we change the part of the organization’s constitution that states that member clubs have to subscribe to the three articles of reformed doctrine.

The reasoning for a name change comes from two directions. 1. That we, as organizational members, are first and foremost followers of Jesus Christ as stated in the organization’s mission statement. It would make sense for our title/name to reflect that. 2. That there have been several situations over the years where good reformed churches have wanted to use our ministry, but are forced to look elsewhere for a ministry simply because our name is a roadblock to connecting with the community that they serve. An example of this situation is that recently, several PCA (reformed) churches in Tennessee contacted the CCC and were very anxious to use Cadeting as a community outreach. They found that the name Calvinist was a roadblock to reaching the community because there were a considerable number of Southern Baptist families in the area that had “poisoned the waters” — they had told their family, friends, and neighbors that Calvinism was bad and that anything that attaches that name to itself is not worth considering. Therefore these PCA churches are turned away before they even have opportunity to explain who they are and what they believe. They just want to share the Gospel with children who desperately need to hear the Good News of salvation — which is our organization’s primary ministry goal. A name change would help them achieve that initial opportunity to minister to these children and, in time, they would be able to share what it means to be both Christian AND Reformed.

The Visioning Team decided to vote on sending a recommendation to the executive committee that they create a proposal for congress that would open up the CCC constitution for a possible name change. The vote was unanimously in favor.

The visioning team needs new members because two members are retiring. It was suggested that we look to “younger “ generations for filling these slots. We need more input from what young counselors expect of our organization. And it also was suggested that it would be good to have input from someone involved in youth ministry that is not affiliated with Cadeting — so we have a bit of an outsider’s view.

The meeting ended in prayer after hearing any member prayer requests.