

BGM Joint Board Reflections

June 20, 2013

From 7 table groups (A—F):

1. Where did you find common ground or similarities?

A. Missions

Fellowship—smaller group size

Spiritual formation

Feeling of movement—synergy

Balance—board vs. family

Prayer—Power of praying together

B. We care about ABCUSA and want it to be successful. We want to be involved as a board and not rubber stamp group.

C. Question arose: What was it that only one woman, Ruth Clark, was on the podium?

Noted that board presidents all conveyed demonstrated sustained passion about their involvement and that of their boards.

D. Passion

Historical connections between boards

E. Commitment of everyone in ministry

How all reports came together and underpinned by BGM report

Every board had a deep desire to make a difference

F. Hopeful

Reconnected and meet new staff

2. Who did you get to know or become reacquainted with?

A. Rev. Lauren Ng—Don's daughter

Staff members—various boards

Various individuals at each table

Similar passions—meeting people who love God with a lot of passion and able to encourage and connect with others

B. Met more people during Don's experiment

Unclear what groups people were from—better identify board members specialties—MMBB

Assigned seating at dinner to initially make diverse tables for fellowship and connection

- C. The opening ice breaker/mixer was quite effective in making connections for later conversations.
- D. BGM members get reacquainted before those former members of ABHMS/IM
- E. Opportunity to meet new people and rekindle other relationships
- F. Interaction around the table

3. How might we strengthen the “ties that bind?”

- A. Facebook
 - Use of various social media
 - Need ways to connect with individuals, internal connection via list of email addresses, etc.
- B. Would appreciate diversity with worship and music
 - Celebrate communion as the bigger family
 - Reports were too long—let’s emphasize on connections between board members
 - The elevated platform of speakers not appreciated—distance self from family—only podium should be elevated
 - More time given to talents; “Over the rainbow”
 - It didn’t need to be 7 hours and broken up by the meal—lost people
 - Get out of the building and do things as a family (ie. Downtown Disney)
- C. The ties that binds may be more effective with shorter presentations
- D. Introduce staff
- E. Maybe an opportunity to share “how you can help us?” Each board share how BGM could help.
- F. Less talking heads
 - More directed interaction around tables with specific questions
 - Lose the elevated table