

## Word Notes Sunday 25/05/14 Tony Hodge – Growth in NCC

### Summary (read this bit out to remind cell members what was said on Sunday)

Tony spoke about NCC's vision and Values and how they impact decisions being made as we see numbers grow and space become tight at Unit 11.

Our values can be listed under three headings:

**Relationship** – first with God, in all things and ways, then with each other, then with our neighbours.

- With God through worship, prayer and the word, corporately, in small groups and individually.
- With each other through both Celebration and Cell and other ways.
- With our neighbours through being missional, through social action and evangelism.

**Unity** – one heart and soul. Knowing what we believe, encouraging each other in unity, accepting each other in “disputable matters”. Build together to build strong.

**Family** – we are the family of God and we are a family together. Worshipping together, praying together, growing together. Age appropriate times too but based in family.

Within these values we work out our purpose:

- To worship God
- To personally and corporately grow to maturity
- To bring Kingdom of God into our nation and the nations.

From our values and purpose the way forward for NCC as we grow in numbers would be to retain a single “whole fellowship” worship meeting on Sunday mornings. It appears this can no longer be accommodated at Unit 11 and so the leaders are exploring alternative venues for Sunday mornings while wanting to retain Unit 11 for other meetings and community engagement. Currently we have a one-off date booked at Newmarket College for an All-Age meeting on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September and are in discussions for holding our Christmas Carol Service there too. This will help us decide how running Sunday meetings at the College would work.

### Prayer

Use these bullet points to pray for what the future holds for NCC. Jesus to be glorified through:

- Salvation growth.
- Healing and spiritual growth.
- Our Vision and values.
- Relationships – with God, with each other, with our neighbours.
- The right premises and meetings in the long term.