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I had to think of a title for mine. The first one was about Indirection wasn't it Ron? The second one Lauder milk did was about Motivation doesn't exist, only tactics and corporateness exist and we don't know what tactics are or how to be corporate, and now we just got unfocused.

Under the rubric that I and the father are one . I hasked three people to write this talk this afternoon. They all three came up with different things, so by putting them together I might come up with something that might help. It would be to say on behalf of area Chicago that

this quarter we have unfocused directly on three things, the metro cadre, the Wayside Inn, and Demomstration. Since I didn't take a trek this quarter, I didn't plan one. I was gone six weekends but that wasn't exactly in my plan. I'm not sure what went on most places, but looking through

what I've seen is something like this. That we've begun to get a feel for the metro cadre as in fact a network of all of the forces of the movement who care about the world and

are willing to have that care catalyzed an ordering dynamic in history and in fact though you have a hard time identifying doom, more or less get the job done. The signs of that began to happen in this area in week 5 or so, as Porter points out we were stumbling along and all of a sudden week 5 you couldn't find enough teachers. The whole situation exploded all over the place and its been that way all the end of the quarter. You saw that the depth work which had been the planning was actually coming into being, was actually beginning to take place and trying to discern what the keys are to that in the last two or three weeks thinking back through everything we've done in the last two years, come up with something like this. First of all we've gone around our elbow so to speak to return to the micronet. I never until this quarter had any inkling what a micronet was. But all of a sudden it became visible again. I think it was in chasing after the beautiful damsel Questor Recruitment. Remember her? She is an enticing creature

because she has to do with the appearance of strength of possibility somewhere that you move in rel-

ationship to put what you find when you start pursuing that damsel and start quabbling in the

grass roots is you keep tripping across micromets, that somebody laid there a long time ago. You

begin to discover that geo-social reality is still there and that clusters become genuine powere

units when they honor that reality, and when they don't they fall all over themselves. They

don't fell into anything. The second thing that I discovered is I think indicative battle

planning is the foundation of the metro network. I've heard indicative battle planning so much

as a word and phrase I hate to even use it anymore. It's gotten to be such a common term. I

think what I saw at least was that through those revolutionaries who dared to plunge into

that methodology while honoring their screens, that they'd created, their priorities, their

21 practical visions, their requirements of themselves normally to get so much done in every

program even if it was four times what was needed, just honoring that indicative battleplanning

is the finest bear trap that we've come up with in ten years at least, because when you hit

the what, why and who and when and where and how page and genuinely fill out the who category=x

particularly explodes for you and you see the who is you. Now in that kind of battle planning

this quarter about a third of the people got excited, and plunged in, became the who all quarter.

a third sat back to see if the who was really you, and the other third ran and hid because it

was very clear to them it was them and they didn't want to have anything to do with it. And the third

that walked through it we called metro cadre net co-ordinators, and they met every Tuesday night

and they did tactical modification on their plan and their quarter came off and it looked something

like this. six or eight people were the metro network and all they did was tactical modification

windups every week which when you got through doing that employed from a minimum of sixty to

a maximum of a hundred people every week into the mission. The Guardians had tasks and assignments

each week, the Galaxy, the prefuldismen, every force you could think of was engaged through

that process and it was't some great big old meeting with a bunch of people checklisting their covenant with each other every week. There was a real genuine dynamic. We saw the results as Justin was saying the things got done and you just couldn't tell how they got done. They were done, they were genuinely done. So that would be the third and fourth point, the co-ordinated thrust and the diverse mode of implementation. Another exciting little discovery that just happened the last couple of days, where the Bishop Kenneth Whitney spent about three weeks identifying all our clusters discovering that they were micros and so forth. When we got this very exciting grid up and then in the last few days we had to send some circuits out to do development which I'll tell you about in a minute. Anyway we came up with without even referring back to the grid were twenty circuits by just going through the files and pulling the supporters and givers, to Fifth City and Ecumenical Institute for years. Then we went and looked at twenty circuits and they were virtually identical with the twenty clusters. If you ever wanted

clarity that your penetration is in fact your authorization, and of your grass roots revolutionary support that was a fantastic demonstration of that. In the wayside Inn dynamic there has been a sort of a trend towards the Wayside Inn becoming a genuine training centre. Not just for the people within it but for everyone. That's shown up in many instances where the number of courses taking place within the Houses, within the Wayside Inns but, also within that dynamic a struggling with how to be catalytic in the external mission and focus on formation of an Order in History that is the only follow up to that catalytic action that you're looking for as many ways to give form to the break loose of impact as you are for ways to do the impacting. I've seen a transformation in the sense of the roles which people play in the Wayside Inn dynamic. I've seen things like grasping after the Wayside Inn task of enablement. We used to call enablement in the past There is something very authentic transforming the mentality there. The mentality there as I've experienced it is if I'm assigned to enablement that means I'm not assigned to the mission

or if I have some task to do that isn't out teaching or recruiting then its a secondary task. We've had an exciting sort of time at Chicago House with the image of Innkeepers, this quarter. Now I think this is very crucial to formation. I think it must be why monks did all that menial labor. Ordering the space and reimaging the use and care of that space. House Management used to be the thing that nobody wanted to do until we got the image that House Services was what made the whole machinery run. Front door security, isn't that a horrible phrase, front door security reimaged to something like reception the first space towards the world. When we redecored the entranceway and put up the sign, Welcome to the Wayside Inn, the symbol of the Ecumenical Institute a fantastic global montage, a wedgeblade, required that whoever was sitting behind the desk was in a suit and shirt and tie, and there was an altar on the desk, secular altar that

was just always perfectly clean and neat, it sort of transformed the whole sense of what it meant to be open to the world. The guard started to wear a cost to hide his gun. He looked like a guest from the community; acted like a guest from the community. I think he stayed over for the Thanksgiving feast. He just had the time of his life this quarter. We ordered brass plates and fixed one of those great big curved brass handles on the front door, it hasn't come yet, but if you have come over to the Westside in the last few years you had to open the front door with a broken coat rack stuck on there with two screws that go all the way to the other side and are bent over. It will be exciting to reach up and grab a hunk full of real brass, and walk in the Wayside Inn that's a great place to have your life changed. We ordered tin chefs' hats for all the cooks in the kitchen and when you are assigned to the kitchen you bring your chef hat. Academy is a lot to feed, Thanksgiving feast and all of that. We ordered them for the Thanksgiving feast preparation and that was real exciting. All the people stayed

the Wayside Inn is a corporate residence of the symbol of the incarnation of servant people. And probably the Wayside Inn keeping is the primary symbol to ourselves and to the world that we have decided to be servants to history and not somebody and if you sing much and you've got to choose when you to sing, you sing when you are on innkeeping, instead of when you are going out to have an exciting meeting with the guardians. Grasp the depth of that kind of symbol. Then then the third thing in fifth city. The globe has been coming to 5th City for a long time. And we have begun to experience a shift I guess in the last year or so, but particularly this last quarter its become more and more apparent that 5th City is concerned as to how it goes to the globe now. And that's beyond all the fine models that's built and great stories that are generated and various sundrour visits and trips. It has to do with deployment, with 5th. Citizens deciding to be globe citizens manifestes a sign else where. It a new kind of leadership emerging in 5th City and it people who have been there who have sort of sat back and waited and watched and finally...

Finally decided yes indeed that this is going to be what the world needs. Some reason or other they never were convinced ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ as long as you talked ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ only in terms of doing 5th. City, but once they saw that that had something with redoing the world, that brought forth a new sort of decision. Couple of comments, one from a various ~~gang~~ infamous gang leader that we all know very well, Gene Beasley. He's been out on a development circuit all day, by the way. Best development he's ever done, he finally picked on someone that had some money. His comment when he ~~xxxxxxxx~~ decided to ~~reengage~~ himself this quarter, ~~xxxxxxxx~~ and that meant that he's been working from 8:00p.m. in the morning ~~xxxxxxxx~~ and working until 10:00p.m. ~~xxxxxxxx~~ to 1200 ~~xxxxxxxx~~ every night for the last 4 or 5 weeks, virtually non stop, you can't believe it-- those who know him. "I ain't getting any younger and this thing is got to be done." Another young man said that "I got to get trained, this is one of the men that has moved into the house, we've worked hard to keep him out

for several years, he said "I've got to get trained, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ so I can ~~xxx~~ train others and when I leave here they will know what to do. And the exciting thing about these comments were that they weren't made to anybody in the House or the Order, they were made to other 5th. Citizens, who reported them later in various circumstances, which exposes to you that the "put on" is over. Well looking at all that, the spirit edge is that I would point to something like this, our Metro Cadre council this past week worked on Bl-Centennial 76, we got that letter from Weigel and thought that was what we were supposed to do and so we did it. And oh, I forgot my key point, I worked on it all weekend, and excuse me a minute, unfocused and indirection. I lost it. Here it is. This appeared to the Metro Cadre to be the most fantastic masses impact system they had ever dreamed of and really made the micro net come alive for them, we did two things, one, we read the Continutum this weekend, the whole thing, and at the closing celebration Baumback pulled off it the capital verse, which was

Now if the purpose for which this Union was formed doesn't work, this is paraphrase, then dissolve it.

These people are obligated to dissolve it and form a new and better union that will do it. It's in there

from the beginning of We are under orders in the Constitution to dissolve it. When the second was the third verse of God

bless our native land, have you ever sing that one, not for this land alone, but be God's mercy shone

From shore to shore and may the nations be, that men from should brothers be and form one family, the see

wide world over . Our conclusion at the end of the Metro Carre council was ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~

~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ something like this, the issues today is not whether we do the world or the

church or whether we try to maintain some balance between the two or decrease one and increase the other

etc. that d ictomy left a long time ago. The question is whether we are willing to do the world?

Which is whether we are willing to be the church. Being the Church is doing the world not doing the

world is not being the church, there is not such thing as doing the church. Advent is about the word

becoming flesh, ~~wh~~ which is to say the word took on the world it's not a this life and another life

there is just life and the church says that life is only fully when its in the word. And ~~wh~~ within

life two things happen ~~wh~~ birth and death there the two most symbolic events in a life time. Birth

is the symbol, totally unconscious by the way, you just show up., just a one fantastic life to live  
symbol of

and death is the most conscious symbol one fantastic life to expend. That kind of image is a great gift

from working on bi centennial 76 it might do more to renew the church than anything else we have done.

And then the ~~last~~ thing that sort of sparked my imagination today that I think captures sense of the whole

area of consciousness is that going to the world is ~~th~~ probably be done by no other way than by doing

something like the massive impact that Bi Centennial 76 is, if we took that circle with the 24 5th. Cities

on it, social demonstrations on it, and the one in the middle where it had ~~th~~ arrows going out, seriously  
six on it with

I don't know if everybody saw that, did everybody see that, I'll assume you did, you didn't? Just imagine

a big circle with ~~around~~ 24 things around it representing the world with 24 hours around the ~~the~~ clock and then a North American continent grid in the middle with the ~~the~~ social demonstrations on it and the arrow running ~~the~~ thru the center out thru the other five. Well it just assures to me that this nation demonstrating what it looks like to be brothers and to be one family across the globe. Our east coast ~~is~~ most heavily European and African by heritage, our south coast is most heavily Latin American, our west coast is mostly Chinese and Oriental. What if we created the kind of social demonstrations among those peoples that captured the imagination of the globe in a kind of way that they could. I would just close by saying that on behalf of area Chicago, we sense this quarter that everything we do is about going global and plumbing spirit deeps in the process of doing that the form of which is what every we mean by primal community, that we may or may not live to see, but we are in fact inventing it.

In the Name of the Christ, Amen.