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## a possible path forward

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- Planting a new church on Sunday afternoons at 4pm meeting in the church building focused on young families .
- Re-styling Evening Church to be a church that meets on Sunday nights with no children's program.

Early church has recently adopted the following missional goal:-

*"to grow Early Church by reaching more people for Christ with a focus on young people and families."*

The Session is very supportive of this but recognises that help is needed to kick start this exciting vision. In particular, Early Church needs an investment of a small number of young families ready to commit to Early Church's missional goal.

## what happens next?

This raises some difficult things to work through. We need the Lord's guidance and help. We seek to grow his Kingdom, not ours.

The planting of a 5th church as described above will impact all 4 current churches. There would likely be significant movement within DPC as people re-shuffled into a church that would best support their personal missional opportunities and goals.

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**The Session is also inviting young families to consider committing to Early Church now.**

There is much to be excited about as we ponder these things. But there may also be issues raised here that cause distress and uncertainty. We need to work hard at dealing with those together in a godly humble manner.

Our goal is to grow followers of Jesus. We live in a city of lost people. We serve a Lord who alone can save them. We must do everything we can to proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. That we must do it is certain. How we do it is where we require wisdom.

So please join the Session in praying. Please speak to the members of Session about these things.

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