

## LIVOTF BOARD OF DIRECTOS MEETING

OCTOBER 3, 2011

**Present:** John Ryan, Phil Megna, Kathleen Hartmann,

**Guest:** Joan Bedosky

**Regional Meeting:** There was a poor response to the planned Regional Meeting on 10/01/11. Discussion as to why this occurred. **Problems identified:**

- Many members do not read emails often or do not even have email. It was thought **Less is Better** as there are a large number of emails going out almost on a weekly basis and that for that reason they may be overlooked. **Joan Bedosky** will take this under consideration and reduce the number of weekly emails distributed.
- **Best response** in past is from U.S. postal mailings.
- **Newsletter** had formatting problems at printers
- **Newsletter** was sent out later than planned.
- **How to reach our membership** to plan events that would be of interest to them?
- Does our membership know who Hans Kung and Matthew Fox are?

**Further discussion** will need to be had when the full board can be present.

**Guest Joan Bedosky:** Joan received an email from Dan Bartley, President of National VOTF and she wanted to bring this to the attention of LI-VOTF. He expressed his disappointment with the cancellation of the Regional Meeting and inquired about advertising. Joan responded and informed him that the event was advertised on the website, **through email**, and a Newsletter, although the Newsletter was sent out later than expected.

Discussion was held regarding our target audience and **how to draw in younger people to LI-VOTF**. Our membership is aging and we are spread over a large area of Suffolk and Nassau Counties. A **survey was suggested** of younger people as to "How to pass the Baton". **Questionnaire** could be made up and distributed to young people to elicit response re: specific goals for VOTF/their Church. The Board will take this idea under advisement and have further discussion about it.

**Increased Spirituality for the Board of Directors:** The LI-VOTF is changing and the BOD needs to **re-focus on what goals we want to achieve and how we are presently functioning**. We need to **discern this as a group through prayer and discussion**. Kathleen Hartmann brought up the idea of the BOD spending time together on a retreat weekend or day of prayer. This will be discussed further when full BOD can be present.

**Kathleen Hartmann, Secretary**

