

Executive Summary – Chloe’s People in One Minute

Chloe’s People was chartered to listen to God’s next call for Clay Church. The Chloe’s Report is the next step of the vision of the Caleb Report. While the Caleb Report called Clay Church to serve “the northern part of the greater South Bend area, including the areas in Granger,” Chloe’s People believe that it is time to expand our witness beyond the boundaries of our church walls.

We believe that the Caleb Report’s foundation, our two site ministry, the discipleship path “Connect, Grow, & Share” and the mission of “Living In Faith Every Day” have all prepared Clay to hear, accept, and move toward God’s next plan for Clay that Chloe’s People have heard:

Clay is being called to become an externally focused church to walk with more people toward a transforming relationship with Jesus Christ by Living In Faith Every day.

Moving from a building cycle to becoming externally focused will be a huge transition. Taking the right amount of time to understand how Clay is addressing the needs of our congregation and community is vitally important. It is the recommendation of Chloe’s People to engage in a two-part survey process.

Part one utilizes an internal evaluation of how we are growing *internally* on the discipleship path. Part two develops a ministry assessment to give us a snapshot of what we are doing *outside* of the church walls.

Upon completion of these two surveys, we will have the information needed to understand where we *all* are on our spiritual journey and how Clay can best address its ministries *both internally and externally* to reinforce the importance of walking with Christ.

Four Strategic Next Steps

As Clay continues on the path of becoming an externally focused church, there are four strategic next steps that we uncovered that we now submit as the direction and challenge for Clay:

1. We are called to create strategic partnerships at home and abroad to impact our world with the love of God
2. We are called to develop leaders for new emerging ministries at all age levels
3. We are called to reach and include a younger adult population with the gospel of Christ
4. We are called to address the needs of the under-resourced in our local and global community

This is how God has led us and we believe this is our vision for future ministries. We trust the church's leadership to develop the people resources and strategic plans necessary to become externally focused. God’s message is a call to Clay church to have that focus on the external needs of the community and world, combining the many passions of our Clay family to meet those external needs.

We invite you to read and study the entire Chloe’s People Report to deepen your understanding of Clay’s new vision.