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New Community Church
Grand Rapids, Michigan

CHURCH MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

Shelby

- Centralized welcome center/station works better than individual check in stations at classroom doors.
- Discussed scan cards, hand/bracelet tags for check in.
- Using volunteers rather than allowing parents to check themselves in seems to speed up check in time considerably.
- A Shelby group exists on Yahoo! Groups which is a good resource in some instances.
- Calvary provides staff a yearly opportunity for one-on-one with Shelby staff in addition to a dummy database for testing/learning.

FellowshipOne

- New Community and 242 are considering switching from Shelby to FellowshipOne. Data migration and cost are large issues for a successful switchover.

ServantPC

- Used by Ada Bible.

WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESS

- All churches present used wireless in some capacity in their facilities. Some offer public access others lock it down to staff/authorized parties.
- Linksys, Proxim and Cisco were mentioned vendors for hardware.
- Most common security used was either MAC address filtering or WPA/WEP.

OFFICE 2007/VISTA MIGRATION

- Calvary is currently testing Office 2007 and plans partial rollout later this year to early adopters.
- CDW is a good company for nonprofit licensing. Just opened a dedicated nonprofit division.
- \$60 – 90 per license Office 2007 depending on version/features. OneNote creates price difference.
- Microsoft allows for around \$40 a “take-home” license of Office for staff.
- Ada Bible discovered an issue between Outlook and Outlook Express’ Dictionary that causes it to “break”.
- Shelby is reported to work with Vista; haven’t seen reliable evidence of such however.
- Most want to wait until SP1 before migrating.
- Sonicwall/Cisco and others have non-compatible VPN client software for Vista.
- Nero and other patches needed for successful Vista installation.

VMWARE

- Linux and MAC compatible
- Vista doesn’t seem to play well with VMWare yet.
- Recommended solution for testing/rollout before production.

ANTIVIRUS

- MAC users don’t need/use antivirus software.
- Calvary uses Symantec.
- Ada Bible and New Community use AVG.
- Anti-spy ware protection is provided through AVG Network Edition @ New Community.

SPAM/VIRUS FILTERING

- MDaemon
- SpamHaus
- SpamAssassin
- New Community uses Katharion.

BACKUP

- EMC Retrospect
- BackupExec
- Backup to a “backup” server then to removable hard drives for off-site storage.

- New Community is testing MozyPro.

REMOTE MONITORING

- ServersLive
- AlertBot
- Also had discussion regarding environmental control/system monitoring in addition to electrical supply.

WEB/EMAIL/STREAMING

- Apache/Linux for hosting.
- Zimbra Collaboration
- Exchange
- POP3 servers
- Some host services on-site, others use local ISP, ministry partners. (Gospelcom)
- Calvary provides LIVE streaming, some 200 hits weekly; using Helix Producer running on CentOS.

PHONE SYSTEMS

- Calvary uses Toshiba system; does self programming with emanager.
- New Community uses Avaya system; does self programming with WinSPM.
- Ada Bible uses 3com VOIP equipment. Appears to be issues with AD and equipment regarding static IP leases.
- 242 uses 4-line phones.

PRINTERS/COPIERS

- Ada Bible allows some Inkjets. Offers a "secured" color inkjet.
- Calvary allows printing based on ministry budgets.
- New Community restricts color printing on copier only. B&W from Laser are allowed.