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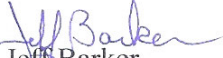
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Several years ago, our church was surprised with a significant bequest from one of our members and established a foundation. We recognized early on, that to be effective, we must continually re-evaluate our mission, values and goals as well as our processes. So, for the last two years we have hired Calvin Edwards & Company to facilitate our annual board retreat and assist us in maintaining and maximizing our focus.

Calvin Edwards' background of working with donors, businesses, foundations and other non-profits has been unique and invaluable as we consider what we are trying to accomplish as a new foundation. His participation has proved to be very beneficial, especially as we have recently embarked on several large projects including a 3-year partnership with an excellent ministry for African children affected by AIDS, war and famine.

Since our foundation is new and relatively small, we rely heavily on advice from other experts. We are grateful for and impressed by the work of Calvin Edwards & Company.


Jeff Barker
President