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This pre-proposal presentation and discussion took place on Friday, March 31, 2023, and began at approximately 10:15 am. The panel of tutors led by Dr. Curtis McClane included Dr. David Ward and Dr. Taladay.

In the discussions that followed, a question around the use of the term “church health” and if specific work was done in this area. The focus of this research is finding out why members have stopped attending worship and how we might increase attendance at worship. Congregational health is beyond the scope of this research.

There was a suggestion to identify a congregation in Antigua or the Caribbean region which is growing and research the rational for their defiance of the trend. That option will be pursued pursue.

There was some discussion around what is being measured. Is it only attendance or meaningful engagement and participation? The research is focused on understanding why people are not attending worship with the view to address the concerns identified, hoping to reverse the trend.

The instrument being used for the research was also questioned. The current instrument does not adequately address reasons for non-attendance at worship, even though it measures religious commitment.

The research question also came in for questioning. The research question needs to be clearly defined.

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