

Conversations about CELC Mission Vision Values

Agenda

- Why are we having these meetings
- Introduce Transition Team
- Review Definitions
 - Mission
 - Vision
 - Values
- Current Mission Statement
- Small Group Discussion
- Readout Results, General Discussion, and Wrap-up
- Next Meetings
 - February 23 – Vision
 - March 2 – Values/Goals

Why these meetings

- Primary goal of Transition team to create accurate view of CELC
- Be able to “characterize” CELC
 - Who/what we have been (History)
 - Who/what we are today
 - Who/what we want to be in future
- Key to developing Ministry Site Profile
 - Key input to the call process
 - Assists Synod in identifying potential candidates
 - Assists potential candidates in determining their interest/match to CELC
- Accurately reflect how CELC views its role in the body of Christ

Transition Team Members

- Ann Bruce (chairperson)
- Patsy Blankenship
- Olga Blanchard
- Jim Erickson
- Stevie Henderson
- Karen Olson
- Les Stubbs

- Please contact any of us with questions

Definitions

- A **vision statement** is more about **becoming**:
 - Pictures the future of your church as God has planned it to be
 - Describes the results you hope you will realize in the “real world”
 - Captures the uniqueness that God has given your church
- A **mission statement** is more about **doing**:
 - Tells something about your purpose as a part of the larger body of Christ
 - Hints at how you will make your vision a reality
 - It is short, motivational, and easy to memorize
- **Core values** are more about **being**:
 - Each one will describe what people experience in your congregation
 - Together they capture the uniqueness which is your congregation
 - They are fundamental to the beliefs and lived out

Bible Study Findings

- Nehemiah
 - Spiritual renewal
 - Respect for God; Responsibility to the community; Communication to God through prayer
- Acts
 - Reach all of mankind with the message of salvation through Christ
 - Fulfillment of God's promises
 - Advance God's promises through prayer
 - Holy Spirit energizes and equips us to carry out God's Mission in the world
- First Letter to the Corinthians
 - Acceptance, tolerance, charity and respect
 - Christ-centered
 - Welcoming to all

Current Mission Statement

We are a Christian fellowship
reaching out to all people,
so they might experience God's love for them.

- “Signing” (longer term members know it)
- Mission Statement: Proclaim the purpose CELC
- Does this accurately represent the purpose of CELC?

Mission Discussion

- Break into Small Groups
 - Need one person to act as recorder
- Consider the following items/questions
 - Discussion: What does it mean to you?
 - Does it reflect the purpose of CELC?
 - Does it reflect where the energy and resources of CELC are directed?
 - Any changes needed (consider each phrase in the statement)
 - Anything missing (words or phrases)?
 - Anything that is no longer needed or accurate?
 - Keep as is? Tweak? Need to be completely rewritten?

Wrap-up

- Readout from each discussion group (by recorder)
 - Wait for the hand microphone
- Bible study group feedback on mission statement
- General Discussion
- Next steps
 - Transition team considers feedback from meeting
 - Determine if any changes needed
 - Provide input to Vision Meeting
- February 23 - Vision
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