



FUMC Town Hall Meeting

April 5, 2017

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Order of presentations

- Vision Team
- One-Board
- Hospitality Team
- Education/Disciple Making Team
- Worship Team
- Communication Team
- New Website
- Online Giving
- Communication/Connection Card

Vision Team

FUMC Vision Statement

*Rooted in Christ...Branching out in
Faith... Disciples **growing** Disciples.*

At First UMC-Orange we **grow**
Disciples who make Disciples! It is just
that simple! It's what we do!

FUMC Vision Statement

From revival and renewed spirit through worship, we move people from the sanctuary to the community delivering God's message of hope and grace through Jesus Christ. Whenever and wherever we come together, we do so in His name, modeling His Grace and sharing His Word.

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For saints and seekers; for individuals and families; for those more or less fortunate; for young and old alike...The *good news* is for all people. We are the voices and the hands branching out in Faith to encourage and support people.

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We provide worship, programs and activities for families and individuals that will help you take God's word and apply it to *your* circumstances so He can change *your* life in ways you knew not possible.

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Through Christ, we will facilitate the transformation of individuals into *His* people and our community into *His* community! At First UMC-Orange we **grow** disciples who **grow** disciples! It is just that simple! It's what we do!

Logo Idea



Rooted in Christ

Branching out in Faith

Disciples Growing Disciples

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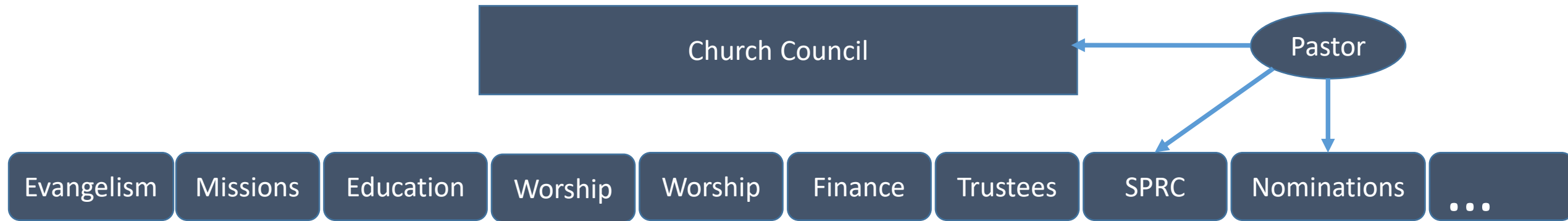
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Church Council

First United Methodist Church of Orange

Before VCI...

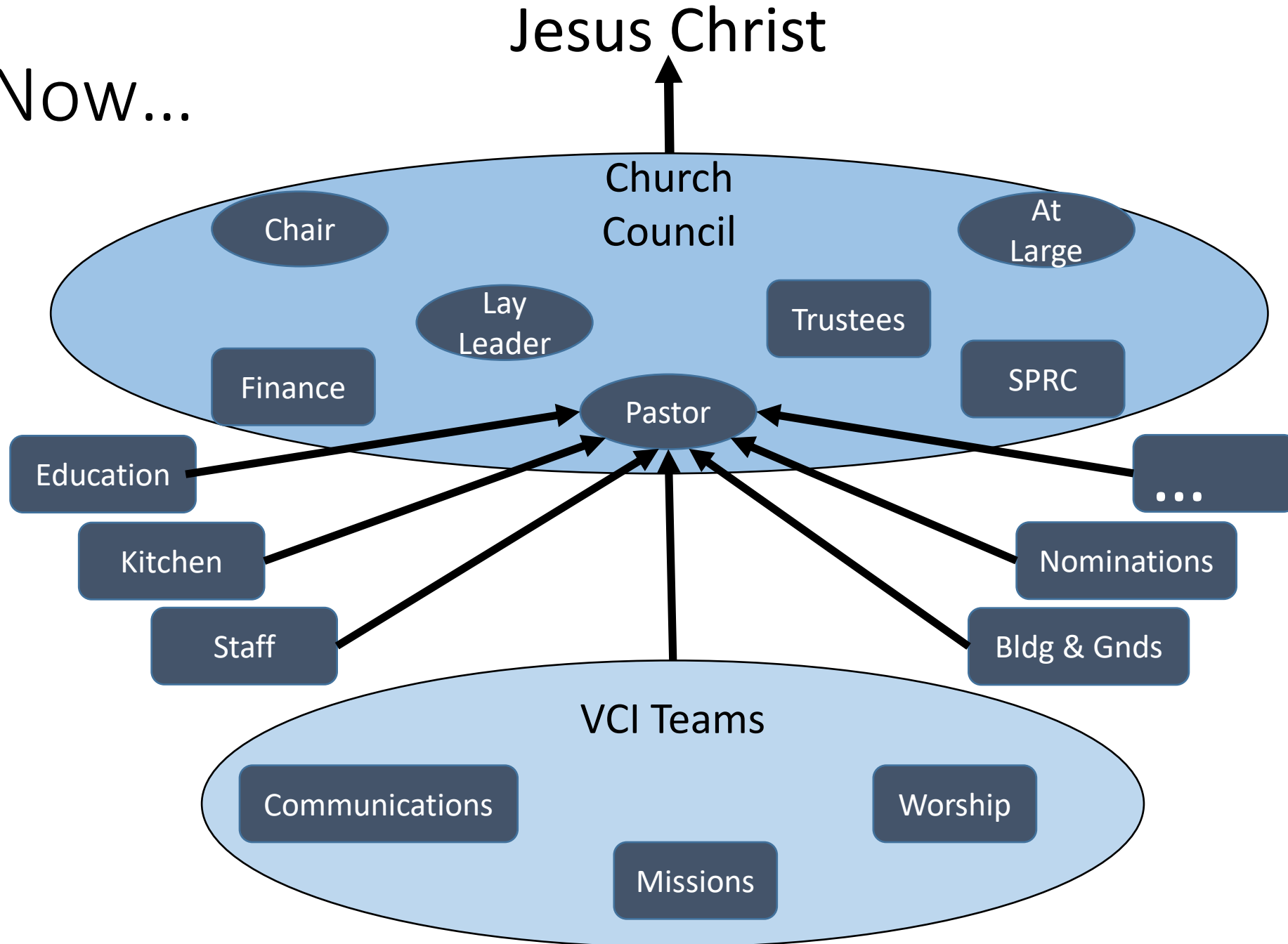


Church Council	=	Chairperson + Committee Chairs + Lay Leaders + At Large
Committees	=	Chairperson + 5-8 Members

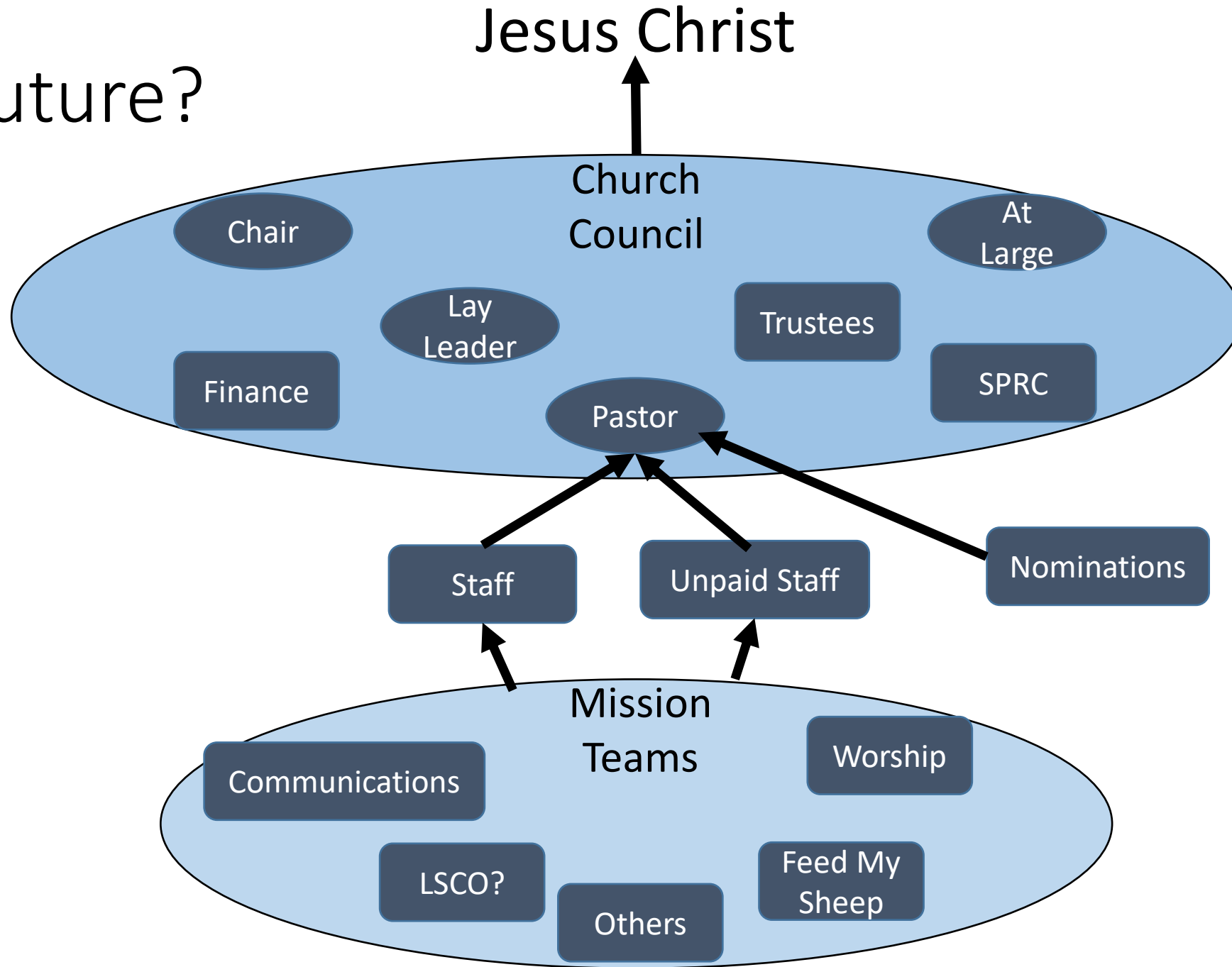
Guiding Principles

- Developed by SPRC, Adopted by VCI Team and Charge Conference
- Covers the organization of the Church Council (Small Board Model)
 - 13 Roles – Pastor, SPR, Finance, Trustees, Lay Ldr, Secretary, At Large
 - Council makes all major decisions...
 - Task Teams for Finance, Trustees and SPRC work within Council
- Sets the responsibilities/expectations of the Pastor, Chair, Financial standards
 - Missions and Task Teams work within Budget...expenditures>\$1000 → Council
- Interactions with Congregation
 - Council Meeting Agendas are set a week before meetings (currently 3rd Thurs)
 - Submit issues/requests to any Council member
 - Executive sessions will be held for Staff discussions...visitors excused

Now...



Future?



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Hospitality Team

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Hospitality Team

- ▶ The Hospitality team has been working together since last fall to view signage at other churches and obtain bids for signage for our church buildings.

Hospitality Team

- ▶ They are in the final stages of their signage prescription. Fast Signs will be installing our new signage throughout the months of April and May.
- ▶ A huge thank you to Priscella Burns, Jeff Fruge, Betty Merchant & Nicole Watzlavik for the time committed to this project.

Hospitality Team

- ▶ The team is currently working on making our Nursery safer.
- ▶ This will be the final project of their prescription.

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DISCIPLE MAKERS

impacting others for eternity

Christian Education and VCI Discipleship Team



“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in^[a] the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”


Matthew 28:19-20

First United Methodist Church

Rooted in Christ
Branching Out in Faith
Disciples Growing Disciples



- The church calls our response to God --Christian discipleship.
- Discipleship focuses on actively following in the footsteps of Jesus.
- As Christian disciples, we are not passive spectators but energetic participants in God's activity in the world.
- Because of what God has done for us, we offer our lives back to God. We order our lives in ways that embody Christ's ministry in our families, workplaces, communities, and the world. (UMC.org)



GOD Stories

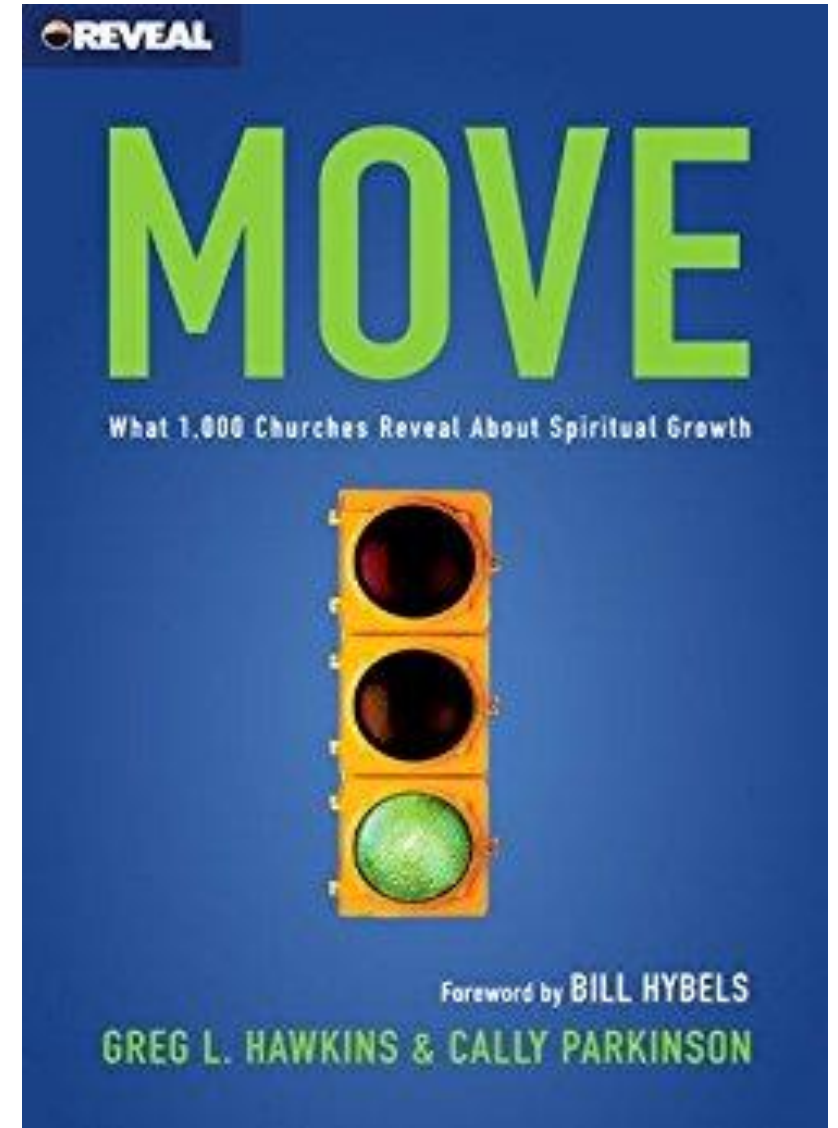
*How is GOD alive and at work
in YOUR life?*

“One thing I do know.
I was blind but now I see!” John 9:25b

October 10, 2016

Move, by Hawkins and Parkinson provides churches with information on how to MOVE members / visitors through four levels of Christian growth / maturity.

March 10, 2017



YOU
WERE
DESIGNED
TO
GROW.





Knowing

Growing

Close to Christ

Christ Centered

Review discipleship workshop available from the Ascending Leaders organization and determine its merit to be presented as an additional resource.

- John and Randall have talked to Ascending Leader organization from the Houston area about coming to FUMC for a workshop OR us going there for a workshop.



FUMC will help develop
Pathways to help members grow
in their faith through:

Daily scripture reading

Prayer

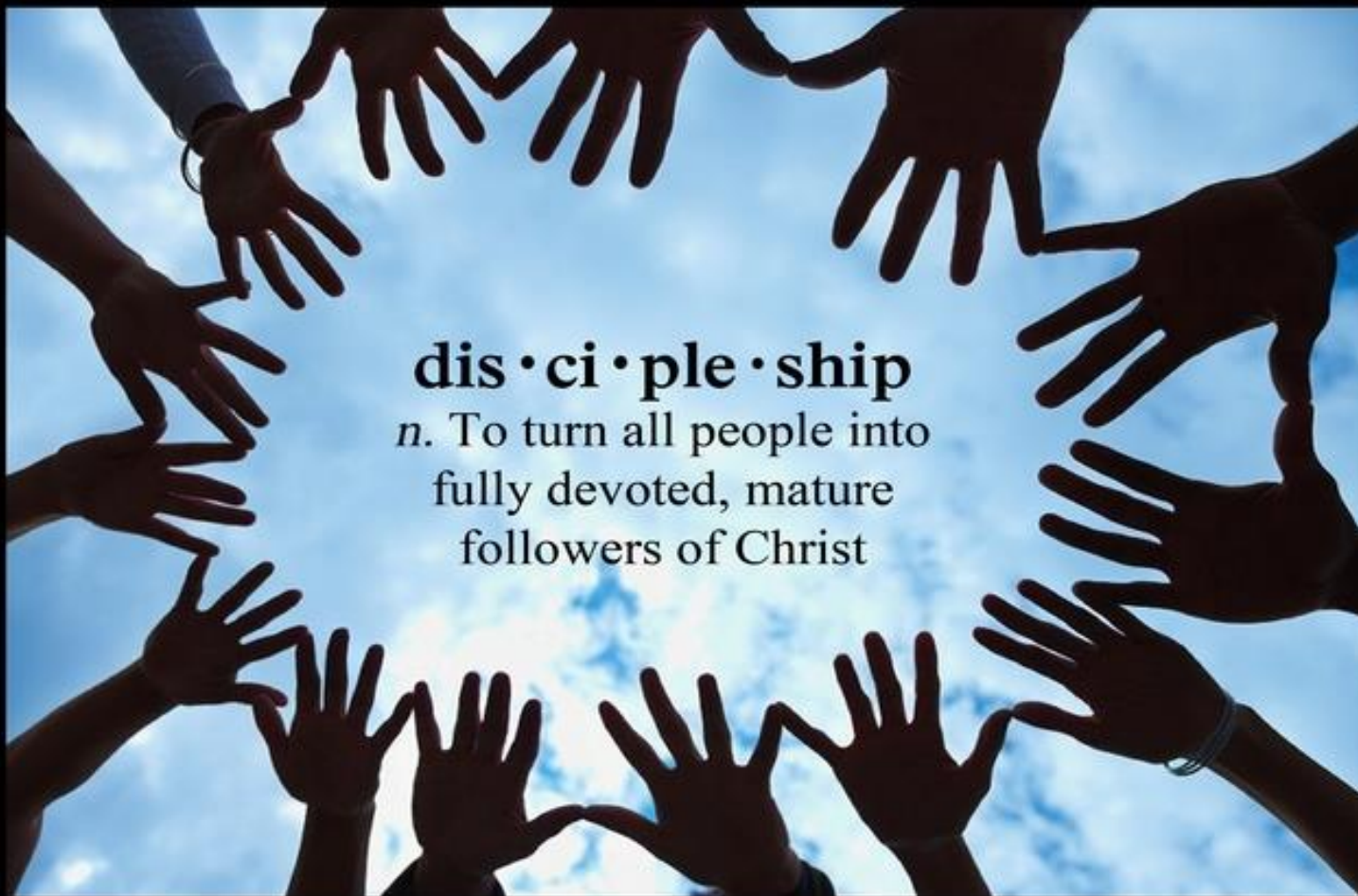
Small groups / Bible Study

Mission Opportunities

Tithing

September 19, 2017





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n. To turn all people into
fully devoted, mature
followers of Christ

SERVICE

"THE MEN WHO FOLLOWED HIM WERE UNIQUE IN THEIR GENERATION.
THEY TURNED THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN BECAUSE THEIR HEARTS HAD BEEN
TURNED RIGHT SIDE UP. THE WORLD HAS NEVER BEEN THE SAME."

-- Reverend Billy Graham --



<https://youtu.be/RJnhgtzG3Zc>

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WORSHIP EXCELLENCE TEAM

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, ORANGE, TEXAS, VIBRANT CHURCH
INITIATIVE

STATUS REPORT FOR 4/5/2017 TOWN HALL MEETING



OVERVIEW

- Worship Excellence Team Membership
- Task Status Reports
 - Read and Discuss Worship Resources
 - Host Church-wide Worship Workshop, facilitated by Dr. Craig Gilbert (“Worship Expert”)
 - Develop and Present a Plan to Meet Staffing and Resource Needs
 - Evaluate Present Worship Experiences
 - Implement Strategies for Worship
 - Characteristics of “Effective Worship” at FUMC, Orange, TX
- Questions or Comments Welcome!!

MEMBERSHIP

- Team established by the Pastor, in consultation with the VCI Coach, consisting of five-seven non-staff individuals representing all three worship experiences on or before September 16, 2016

MEMBERSHIP

- Serving for a maximum two-year term, this team will include at least two people who are under the age of 35 and one representative from the Youth Council
 - Pastor John Warren (All Services)
 - Kaylen Abshire (9 AM Service; Under 35; Youth Council)
 - Jim Brown (9 AM Service; Chair)
 - Dina Defrates (9 AM Service)
 - Brittany Harmon (9 AM Service; Under 35)
 - Lori Kratzer (9 AM Service)
 - Betty Merchant (11 AM Service)
 - Lauren Fruge' Peet (9 AM Service)

TASK STATUS REPORTS



READ AND DISCUSS WORSHIP RESOURCES

- *Redesigning Worship* (Kim Miller)
 - Planning a worship service is far more than just choosing songs and seasonal images. *Helping people to genuinely worship God requires creating an experience through which people can enter into the presence of the divine.* This descriptive book offers practical direction for **building and leading teams**, empowering creative ideas, and guidance for handling conflict and overcoming serious obstacles.
- *Taking Flight With Creativity* (Len Wilson and Jason Moore)
 - Using the metaphor of early flight, this resource analyzes how to be a part of a **worship design team** that works. Major sections include discovering a strategic approach to worship, tips for team composition, a look at how to overcome a series of obstacles that frequently keep teams from finding success together, and some of the usual “mechanical difficulties” that keep teams grounded.
- Deadline: **September 15, 2016**
- Status: Complete

HOST CHURCH-WIDE WORSHIP WORKSHOP

- Facilitated by Dr. Craig Gilbert (“Worship Expert”), or his designee
- Deadline: **October 31, 2016**
- Status: Complete
 - Praise Band and Worship Excellence Team Workshops #1 held January 6-7, 2017
 - Praise Band and Worship Excellence Team Workshops #2 held March 26, 2017

DEVELOP AND PRESENT A PLAN TO MEET STAFFING AND RESOURCE NEEDS

- Present Plan to the appropriate board or committee (One Board)
- Deadline: **January 30, 2017**
- Status: Work in progress
 - Have compiled draft list of potential resource needs for worship
 - Scheduling meetings with vendors to evaluate options
 - Will request proposals and provide proposals received to the One Board for consideration

EVALUATE PRESENT WORSHIP EXPERIENCES

- Based upon best practices presented in the Workshops and in the books:
 - Evaluate present worship experiences to assess their effectiveness as meaningful and relevant worship for the church and unchurched; and
 - Examine the use of multimedia, music, equipment, and optimizing worship spaces and worship times
- Deadline: **January 30, 2017**
- Status: Work in progress

IMPLEMENT STRATEGIES FOR WORSHIP

- To create consistent, meaningful worship experiences
- Deadline: **January 30, 2017**
- Status: Work in progress
 - Formed Praise Service Design Team
 - Pastor Warren, Chris Abshire, Jim Brown, Marcia Brown, Dina Defrates, Lori Kratzer (Chair), Lauren Fruge' Peet
 - Forming Traditional Service Design team
 - Pastor Warren, Doug Rogers, Randall Bridges

CHARACTERISTICS OF “EFFECTIVE WORSHIP” AT FUMC ORANGE, TX

- Forms the basis for discipleship and social transformation
 - **Mission Statement:** To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.
 - **Vision Statement (*Draft*):** Rooted in Christ ...
Branching Out in Faith ...
Disciples Growing Disciples
- Believer or nonbeliever, saint or sinner:
 - encounter a holy and living God through the Holy Spirit, and in that encounter confess their brokenness, discover God’s grace, and are made new (experience healing and transformation)

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COMMUNICATIONS TEAM

APRIL 2017

VCI COMMUNICATIONS TEAM



- Membership:
 - Molly Abshire
 - Trisha Anderson
 - Randall Bridges
 - Marcia Brown
 - Dalayna Sandlin
 - Ginger Williams
 - Pastor John Warren

VCI COMMUNICATIONS TEAM



- **Prescription – Refine Strategies for Communication**
 1. Read and discuss *The Social Media Why* on or before November 1, 2016.
 2. Schedule a communications workshop for the team with April Canik on or before March 30, 2017, to determine best practices and formulate a plan for overall church communication in internal and external audiences.

VCI COMMUNICATIONS TEAM



- **Prescription – Refine Strategies for Communication**
 - 3. Review guest follow-up procedures and make recommendations for an improved process, using two resources for reference *Fusion* and *Get Their Name: How to Grow Your Church by Building New Relationships*. Upon approval of the Pastor, begin to implement the improved process on or before January 31, 2017.

VCI COMMUNICATIONS TEAM



■ Prescription – Refine Strategies for Communication

4. Refresh church website to improve navigation and organization, showcasing more photos, sharing stories of life transformation, fixing broken links, and providing targeted and robust information with newcomers in mind. The tasks should be completed by November 30, 2016. To ensure that all date-sensitive content is current, the website should be reviewed and maintained by a designated person from the Communication Team on a weekly basis.

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■ Prescription – Refine Strategies for Communication

- I. Read and discuss *The Social Media Why* on or before November 1, 2016.
 - Created new Instagram and a new Twitter account (**fumcorangetx**) in addition to our existing Facebook account.
 - Members are encouraged to “check in” on Facebook for Sunday services and several have received positive feedback from their friends.
 - Post items that encourage people to visit our new website. Upcoming events, sermons, services, pictures of activities, etc.

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2. Schedule a communications workshop with April Canik on or before March 30, 2017, to determine best practices and formulate a plan for overall church communication in internal and external audiences.
- Workshop held Sunday, February 26
 - Identifying internal communication needs
 - Website, newsletter, bulletins, social media, etc.
 - news@fumcorange.org
 - prayerblasts@fumcorange.org
 - Identifying external communication needs

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- On Palm Sunday, April 9, implement Communication/Connection Cards
 - Guest Follow-Up – Each time a person visits, they will receive intentional information—emails, personal letters, etc.

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- Welcome Center has new coordinator – Priscella Burns
 - Bakers for Christ – Sundays assigned through June
 - Welcome Center Greeters – Plan to have 2 members serve as Welcome Center Greeters each Sunday to welcome members and guests and provide information (SS locations, nursery, services, etc.)

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- Existing website was difficult to edit and update.

- New website – same URL fumcorange.org - launched February 28

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- Nadine Harris has agreed to help with professional photographs
- Updates or new information should be sent to Randall

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