

**FUMC Orange**  
**VCI Update**  
**August, 2017**

**Vision Statement** - **COMPLETED**, presented to the congregation, posted to website and implementation in progress in other areas:

***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!

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.

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.

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.

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!

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**REVIEW OF MINISTRY, PROGRAM AND ACTIVITY TO ALIGN TO THE MISSION AND VISION OF CHURCH – TO BE COMPLETED** – Team selected - training to be provided for this process.

**PRESCRIPTION #1 - Improve Utilization of Space and Hospitality Efforts**

**1) Space Utilization – IN PROGRESS**

- Review utilization of Family Life Center to focus primarily on youth and activities.
- Sanctuary under review for updates to accommodate the Praise service and improve the worship experience for all services.
- Downstairs youth room being arranged to accommodate Lamar State College students for a study/coffee area.
- Malloy Center under review to increase utilization – maintenance, appearance, accommodations, pricing and marketing.
- Other areas will be considered as programs are reviewed.

- 2) Hospitality – **IN PROGRESS**
- Signage – **NEARING COMPLETION**
- Evaluation of childcare possibilities – **IN PROGRESS**

#### **PRESCRIPTION #2 – Assess Leadership and Restructure to Single-Board Model**

- One Board in place – **COMPLETED**
- Equip and empower current leaders as well as identify and equip future leaders of the church with special attention given to matching an individual's gifts with their leadership role – **IN PROGRESS**

#### **PRESCRIPTION #3 – Refine Strategies for Communication**

- Communication workshop – **COMPLETED**
- Guest Follow-Up Procedures - **COMPLETED**
- Wonderful new church website! - **COMPLETED**

#### **PRESCRIPTION #4 – Strive Toward Excellence in Worship and Faith Formation For All**

##### **1) Worship Excellence Team**

- Church-wide worship workshops by Dr. Craig Gilbert – **COMPLETED**
- Develop and present a plan to meet worship staffing/resources – **IN PROGRESS**
- Evaluate worship experience, examine use of multimedia, music, equipment, worship spaces and times – **IN PROGRESS**

##### **2) Evaluate Current Disciple Making Opportunities – **TO BE COMPLETED****

- Create opportunities to share God stories with the congregation on a consistent and regular basis (in person, written or pre-recorded)
- Read and discuss MOVE by Greg Hawkins
- Review discipleship workshop available from the Ascending Leaders organization and determine its merit to be presented as an additional resource
- Develop pathways to spiritual growth in children, youth and adults

#### **PRESCRIPTION #5 – Improve Relational Bridge-Building**

- Community Connection Team formed to research and act upon the needs of the people in the local community and gaps in services – **IN PROGRESS**
- Conduct two community events (at no charge to the public and not specifically for our members) to reach new people, build relationships and invite them to worship – **TO BE COMPLETED**
- Conduct two events to go out into the community to serve others and visibly share God's love. **TO BE COMPLETED**
- *The intention is for the entire church to be involved in all of the above events. The best strategies must be utilized to promote the planned events to the entire church to keep them informed and engaged.*