

BUMC Mission Workshop

February 15, 2017

The Administrative Council, committee members and members of BUMC met to begin discussions about discerning and refining our mission as a congregation. About 30 gathered to begin this work and below you will find the results of our time together. We began by listing things we felt were especial to our identity as a congregation. We then reviewed the BUMC Covenant and the UMC mission statement from the Book of Discipline (2012). We then broke into smaller groups and wrote draft mission statements that were shared. Based on group input we highlighted important phrases (seen in red). We then mixed up our groups and repeated the exercise highlighting common themes in different colors. We invite you to review these statements, prayerfully consider them and give feedback to Rev. Joel or any other member of the Administrative Council.

Essential Elements of Our Congregational Identity

- Fiscal responsibility
- Holy Spirit presence/led*
- Power of prayer*
- Community outreach*
- Commitment to Christ*
- Respond to need
- Empowered!!!**
- Make disciples of Christ
- Bring together for support
- Reaching out to world
- Interfaith cooperation
- Resource for schools
- Community presence*
- Socially responsible
- Physical & Spiritual
- Scripturally grounded*
- God's love
- Bible Studies**
- Listening & serving
- Open (scouts, ESL, etc)*
- Family/support
- All ages*
- Sharing gospel*

First Round of Mission Statement Drafts

- BUMC covenant
- UMC – Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world
- To **share and grow faith in Christ** through discipleship, mission, outreach and education for all ages.
- To create a **scriptural Christian community** that is **life affirming** and safe for all with the guidance of Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Love does all the good it can to all the people it can wherever it can and whenever it can.**
- **Led by the Holy Spirit**, BUMC is open, **prayerful**, and **welcoming** to people of all ages, backgrounds, and social standing. **Committed to ministries** that feed the hungry, teach the young and immigrants, cherish families, **offer hope** to those in despair, and **enrich others to a stronger relationship with Christ**. Our members are **empowered, passionate, Bible-driven**, inspired by music, committed to youth and ready to offer support.

Second Round of Mission Statement Drafts

- **Prayerfully** led by the **Holy Spirit**, we are committed to **share and grow faith** in **Christ**.
- To share and **grow faith** in **Jesus Christ** for all people.
- Led by the **Holy Spirit**, BUMC is committed to ministries that offer hope to encourage others to a **stronger relationship** with **Christ** in a **Bible-driven** community.
- Led by the **Holy Spirit** BUMC is a **scriptural** community committed to ministry that **enrich others** in a stronger **relationship with Christ**.