

## First UMC Long-Range Vision for 2008-2011

FUMC will strive to become a place of **passionate worship** where people experience transformation of body, mind, and spirit through...

- Diverse music and worship style
- Energetic, engaging, and inspirational participation by diverse populations
- Clean, friendly, welcoming and flexible environment

FUMC will strive to become involved in **risk-taking ministries** in which we ...

- Collaborate with other downtown worship communities
- Actively participate in social justice issues, such as those related to homelessness, sexual orientation, etc.
- Intentionally incorporate all people
- Hire staff that will appeal to a diverse community
- Systematically grow lay leadership

FUMC will strive to become a place of **extravagant generosity** in which...

- Giving of time, talent, and money is in passionate response to God's transforming power
- Stewardship is taught as an expression of responsible and responsive discipleship
- Giving is viewed as stewardship for funding ministry rather than raising a budget

FUMC will strive to become a place where **faith-forming relationships** are built by...

- Partnering with other UMC programs and churches to share speakers, resources, and ideas
- Developing and expecting honest relationships among members of the congregation in which reconciliation and forgiveness are practiced
- Sharing faith journeys openly
- Creating a system of small groups in which people are nurtured, cared for, and involved in ministry
- Educating children, youth, and adults to grow in faith and community

FUMC will strive to become a place of **radical hospitality** achieved by...

- Welcoming all as children of God by following Jesus' example of inclusiveness
- Educating staff and congregation systematically using a model such as the "Be Our Guest" program.
- Providing inviting facilities with accurate signs

### Thank You to 2006 Long-Range Planning Task Force!

The following people met several times over the course of 5 months to review the data from the April 2006 church-wide survey and to discuss what FUMC should look like, feel like, and sound like in 3 to 5 years. Out of that work came the First UMC Long-Range Vision that you will see in our church media and that will guide all of the lay teams and clergy over the next 3 to 5 years. We deeply appreciate their patience and creative energy!

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