

DEPARTMENTAL QUESTIONS

Goal: To be an intentional, missional, neighbor-focused congregation that makes more and better disciples who transform lives and communities for Christ

PRAYER/WORSHIP CLUSTER

Prayer... in seeking to make more & better disciples

- How will we help grow the church in the power of the Holy Spirit (see book by this title)?
- How will we encourage everyone to pray for the lost by name (persons in their personal parish)?
- How will we enhance an undergirding life of prayer for all the ministries?
- How will we develop a lighthouses of prayer project to pray for our neighbors?
- How will we personally be the “Aaron and Hur” (see Ex. 17:2) upholding the work of renewal?

Worship...in seeking to make more & better disciples

- How will our worship experience make us a church that unchurched love to attend (see book DEEP AND WIDE)?
- How will we underscore the importance of Gospel-preaching as an expectation of renewal?
- How will the content of our Sunday morning’s liturgy make more and better disciples?
- How will we find and tell regular faith stories in worship?
- What practices will ensure that we remain current, creative and clearly rooted in Scripture?
 - What leading congregations will we remain in touch with to help guide us in renewal?
 - What conferences will our worship team attend to get insight and inspiration?
 - How will we collect and develop creative ideas with the worship team?
 - How will we provide continuous skills training for worship (i.e. technical, instrumental, vocal, etc.)

OUTREACH CLUSTER

Outreach...in seeking to make more & better disciples

- How will we develop a full orb ed outreach strategy including the seven “p’s” of outreach: prayer for the lost, parish, personal parish, programming, publicity/public events, partnerships, pathways (i.e. gravitational pull)
- How will the congregation be provided the tools and training to share their faith with others?
- How will everyone identify their personal parish and be instructed on how to minister in that parish?
- How will everyone be invested in knowing their near neighbors and connecting with them?
- How will our congregation identified our parish area?
 - How will we identify “toe holds” that help us connect with near neighbors?
 - How will we get to know our neighbors and communicate with them?
- How will we invest in making all our programming outreach focused?
- How will we connect the work deacons with intentional outreach?
- How will we develop measurement tools to guarantee progress in the area of outreach?

Assimilation...in seeking to make more & better disciples

- How will we create a clear path of discipleship from disconnected from faith and faith family to fully connected to faith and faith family?
- How will we teach and reinforce the “ABC’s” of hospitality: **A**wareness, **B**oldness, **C**onversation, **D**evelop a friendship, **E**nfold into the faith and faith family?
- How can we enhance our facilities (inside and out) to create a welcoming environment?
- How will we increase Sunday morning hospitality through greeting, coffee, etc.?
- How will we continue to monitor visitor progress?
- How will we move beyond “friendly” to becoming “friends”?
- How will we review our website and marketing tools to make sure it is helpful, professional and visitor friendly?
- How will we communicate with our near neighbors about special events
- How will we welcome through our outdoors facilities, signs, landscaping, play areas, etc.?

Deacons... in seeking to make more & better disciples

- How can the deacons lead in connecting with unchurched neighbors?
- How can we stay connected with and supporting community agencies of justice and mercy?
- In serving our neighbors in the name of Christ how can we connect them to person of Christ?
- How can we be trained in the best practices of benevolence?
- How can we be more invested in issues related to justice and mercy in our community?

DISCIPLESHIP CLUSTER

Adult Discipleship... in seeking to make more & better disciples who love God and people

- How will we develop a one-on-one discipleship training process?
- What classes or disciple making experiences will be offered to enhance discipleship?
- How will we work with assimilation in developing a path to discipleship?
- How will we live into the four components of discipleship:
 - worship (every believer intimately connected to Christ),
 - Word (every believer daily meditating on the Word),
 - community (every believer in intentional Christ centered relationships),
 - mission (every believer joining God on His mission to redeem and restore)
- How will we monitor progress made in making disciples (i.e. regular REVEAL)?
- How will we ensure that preaching is a powerful tool in the formation of disciples?
- How will we enhance hands-on mission experiences as a way to advance discipleship?

Youth Ministry...in seeking to make more & better disciples

- How will student ministries be joy-filled, inclusive, relevant, discipleship-oriented, missional
- How will student ministries annually address real life issues, teach faith basics and sharing faith?
- How will student ministries reach beyond our walls to the youth of our community?
- How will student ministries advance the values: Word, worship, community, mission?
- How will student ministries help youth assimilate into the broader life of the congregation?

Children's Ministry... in seeking to make more & better disciples

- How will we create a children's ministry so attractive that children insist on returning?
- How will we identify quality disciples making curriculum for birth through 5th grade?
- How will we prepare our teaching staff to lead children to Christ?
- What practices must be put in place in order to create a safe environment for our children?
- How will we find a consistent way to connect with children in our parish area?
- How will children's ministries advance the values: Word, worship, community, mission?
- What will be the measures to determine if we are successful in all of the above?

LEADERSHIP CLUSTER

Elders... in seeking to make more & better disciples

- How can we create an environment of congregational health necessary for renewal?
- How can we model the life of prayer necessary for renewal?
- How can we structure governance practices that enhance grace and permission?
- How can we keep the vision before the congregation of making more and better disciples?
- How can we ensure annual progress towards making more and better disciples?
- How can we develop measurements of missions that will keep us honest about progress?
- How will we ensure that preaching is making more and better disciples (Gospel centered)
- How will we promote essential discipleship investments: word, worship, community, mission?
- How will we care for the staff, renewal leadership team and congregation during renewal?