

# MUMC Connectionalism Strategy Team

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In Person: Andy Bryan, Dick Vreeland, Mary Beth Harper, Linda Horodenski,  
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Zoom: Ethan Massey, Will Koehl

Absent: Jim Lange

Introductions/catch up

General review of survey results (Thanks Becky!)

- Helpful graph visuals
- Staff got statements correct
- Longest time members know statements best

Are our 3 statements sufficient to describe MUMC? (copied as stated on website)

- WELCOME  
We extend God's love and grace to ALL people. Therefore, as we journey toward a greater understanding of one another, we respect our human family's diversity of age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, family structure, marital status, socioeconomic status, education, political perspective, faith history and life experience.
- VISION & MISSION  
We are called to be an inclusive community of people who love Christ deeply, worship him passionately, and serve him boldly.

We are called to make a difference for Christ by transforming church and community.

If not, how do we need to utilize/update the statements so they are sufficient?

- Website currently does not separate and reflect clearly Mission and Vision
- Statements could be shorter
- Welcome Statement originally developed to focused on being a "reconciling" church
- There is a missing thread connecting Welcome and Vision statements
- Welcome Statement is the most recognized by parishioners
- Raised question of what the mission wording means - what does the statement mean to MUMC?
- Welcome statement has signage in the church, but the mission/vision doesn't

- Consideration of using the opening statement of the Welcome Statement as the mission/vision: “We extend God’s love and grace to all people”
- Clear vision statement needed to reflect direction of church
- Mission stays the same but vision needs ongoing updates

Summary –

- 1) Welcome Statement is most recognized and meaningful statement
- 2) Is the first sentence of our welcome statement our mission statement?  
“We extend God’s love and grace to all people”
- 3) If that is true, what is our vision?

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of the month for regular meetings:**

Feb 15, 2023 7:30p

Mar 15, 2023 7:30p

Apr 19, 2023 7:30p

May 17, 2023 7:30p