

MUMC Connectionalism Strategy Team

02/15/2023

In Person: Andy Bryan, Dick Vreeland, Linda Horodenski, Becky Strickland,

Zoom: Ethan Massey, Mary Beth Harper, Jim Lange, Will Koehl

Absent: Barb Stevens, Roxanne Miller

Andy summarized sharing ideas with:

- Leadership Board: Identity/who we are is clearer than what we do/mission
- Staff: results of survey not surprising; results reflect lack of understanding. People don't come to church to learn the statements
- Further feedback: affirmation; uncertainty of which is mission and vision; wanting shorter and question of why we have all these statements.
 - Importance of living the statement
 - Importance of making connections through relationship
 - What is our mission and why are we doing it

What are our options: status quo, keep but clarify, or change...

Consensus to recommend change/tighten up the statements – take to the Leadership Board

Proposal from Connectionalism team to LB to ask approval to establish task force to revise statements: Recommend refine statements. Welcome statement most known and liked. Mission/Vision are long, confusing which is which.

Ask other strategic planning teams to offer input/time on statements

Discussion of possible new focus on Connectionalism –

- Individuals who attend disaffiliating UM churches who want support to remain UM. Target inviting UMC individuals.
- Part of draw to MUMC is progressive theology with a traditional style of service.
- Thought of potential for future satellite connections with MUMC (Eureka and Troy, IL as examples)
- 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.

3rd Wed of the month for regular meetings:

Mar 15, 2023 7:30p

Apr 19, 2023 7:30p

May 17, 2023 7:30p