

LISTENING TO THE SPIRIT
The next five years

SUMMARY REPORT: LONG RANGE PLANNING 2005-2006

The Long Range Planning Committee and the Elders of First Christian Church Moline have met and discussed all the suggestions made during the "Gatherings". Below are the top priorities for the work of the church.

Call an Associate Minister for Youth and Family. This item was discussed at every "Gathering". All feel it is very important to the growth of our church to find the right person to fill this position and lead this area of the church to support youth programs.

New membership should be given a high priority. We need to find ways to bring in new people, embrace their differences and work together to grow this church.

More spiritual growth of each member could lead to a better understanding and growth of the church.

Greater more effective publicity within the church and outside the church is needed, including signs, Visitor, e-mail, website, newspapers, Channel 19 and flyers. We need to take full advantage of every way we can to get the word out about the church and the activities it sponsors.

Find ways to keep older youth and young married members active in church life. This age group drifts away and programs and activities need to be planned to encourage them to be active and include friends who do not belong to the church.

Do more mission work around community, country and the world and include all ages in this work. During discussions, it was very important that not just the youth plan mission work but all members look for ways that they as individuals or groups can find and work towards accomplishing a mission.

Practice LOVE/UNDERSTANDING/TOLERANCE among all members. All members do not look at each situation in the same way. It is important to respect the ideas of others, compromise, and work together to love and accept our differences.

Stay aware of all needs of the music department. Need enthusiastic and assertive music leaders and participants.

Pursue the DUQC mission and vision of a senior community that can supply the needs of all seniors no matter what their income might be or what degree of assistance they need such as assisted living, nursing home care, and other special disabilities. This community would also house independent seniors.

There will be a notebook placed in the church office showing each step of this process for those interested in seeing more than just the summary.