

MORNING LARGE GROUP SESSION:

A Developing Vision ...

- If we put all the strengths together, we'd have such a strong leadership base to handle challenges (x2)
- Strong nurturing base
- Hospitality as strength - has God given us this to only be hospitable to each other? Or might it be to extend hospitality past our own boundaries?
- Value of children's ministry and importance of ...
- Wholeness of strengths: one looking inward/one looking outward. Together our outreach can be stronger.
- Liberation from survival issues into mission.
- Youth ministry has potential with us together.
- Expect, but not calculate, grace.
- Reaching out in interfaith connection - evangelism
- Everything changes - we have to be open/trusting to God- willing to take the risk!
- Is it about getting together with strengths - challenges, or is it something BRAND NEW related to our strengths?
- Comfort of knowing each other better now.
- Six murders, gangs, drugs -- this is our context, the world we live in and speak the Gospel to.
- Prayer grounding our common life.

Signs of the Times ...

- High % of no religious affiliation
- Spiritual hunger
- So many religions therefore change in religious affiliation.
- No housing for Emerging Spirit folks -- too much \$\$; as folks retire they move out of N. Delta.
- 120th "boundary" is artificial -- commuter church.
- Multi-ethnic growth in community has "eroded" our traditional constituency.
- So many needs in our communities we are feeling compelled to fill.
- People living beyond the extent of their income, therefore not to church where, "They want my \$\$."
- Daycare is at a premium.
- No support for addiction groups.

AFTERNOON SESSION - TABLE GROUP WORK

OUTER FOCUS:

- annual youth retreat
- youth drop-in centre †
- more outreach, community dinners †††
- community speakers for issues (violence, childcare, etc.) †
- something completely different †††
- more parts of body †
- bus for seniors who don't have transportation
- choir out to care homes
- Christmas concerts
- youth ministry †††
- youth advocate to advise youth †††
- resources for youth - not drugs, gangs
- fundraising church - and for outside, ethnic diners, etc. †
- family building or strengthen families through food or making food together †††
- environmental awareness - outreach †
- take outreach and help them to be included and go to help others, not be a charity case †

INWARD:

- many hands make light work †††
- more Sunday school programs
- annual youth retreat
- more intergenerational activities
- new/unknown possibilities - spiritual growth programs ††
- congregational retreats ††
- choir (travels to perform)
- Christmas concert
- decreased financial stress †
- youth ministry staff * ††††
- state-of-the-art kitchen for dinners
- ethnic/diverse dinners †
- welcoming to those reached through outer initiatives * ††††††††

INNER & OUTER POSSIBILITIES:

- more small group ministries - sacred circle, choir, junior choir
- soup kitchen - inward: stewardship; outward: community
- leadership training
- retreats
- having 2 ministers/ expanding by adding another service; target areas - youth services ...
- more parking - underground!
- like a "Phoenix" - something new rising out of the "ashes"!
- it's a marathon - we're in it for the long run
- outreach - welcome those around us
- webcasting

Inner

Outer

Successful youth conference held at Phoenix United's new gymnasium. 300 youth attend! Come join us at our alternate service. Our church band will be providing music.

Phoenix United fed 1,000 homeless people from their state-of-the-art kitchen.
 Extended Care & Daycare Facility praised by community.
 Phoenix United opens its doors to the community June 25, 2009! Walter Hawkins gives commemorative speech!

Future Possibilities:

- the creation of something new - unknown but exciting
- energized by the interaction of new people
- a bigger family
- a new up-to-date building - no leaky roofs, a "state-of-the-art" kitchen
- bigger and better yard sales
- more people to help - more possibilities
- combination of extended care/daycare would be nice -- elder care facility
- greater youth and children's programs
- successful youth conference

Inner:

1) Fun youth ministry

- fundraising "money for Mission"
- church youth save stret people
- youth say God is central
- youth say "God Rocks"
- youth "rock" church
- "Youth light church on fire"

2) Spiritual Development

- fun
- dynamic
- active
- super-charged
- sparks fly when the fun, dyn ... spirit-filled youth group whose theme is "God Rocks" ...

New Church:

Inner:

more people ††††
more resources
expanded music program ††
more hands - light work
spiritual development - small groups, women's/men's/ support/young moms/19+, retreats,
advent, prayer groups; Sunday school variety of activities, Godly Play ††††
rotating-revolving - short term commitment, reading, ushers, storytellers, choir †
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intergenerational ††
pastoral care (seniors) †
work that is life-giving, energizing - spontaneous, flexible, coordinating then
unstructured ††
fun - youth ministry, Christian values †††
ministry (not overloaded) - like an associate minister

Outer:

community dinner ††
ministry midweek community worship †††††
Land is gift to all - park-like? Connection from inside to outside, labyrinth ††
drop-in model
small groups -- women's/men's
Outreach - food bank shelf, after-school care, church bus †† community kitchen †
youth ministry - bring friends

Inward

- rezone both ppty & sell both, 120 ppty very valuable, rezone commercial, ? pushed out
- locate new property, build new - central for access
- nurture - place where there is Godly imagination - ongoing - stay open to God's call
- new property, rebuild to include above
- center life here, live locally
- provide opportunity - take care of children by extended family
- new U.C. is open to the Spirit
- attachment to respective pptyes
- intergen

whole, safe, healthy community who welcomes everybody

"bedroom community becomes a village"

Outward

- 120 St. ppty prominent local
- tear down St. J., rebuild low-income housing, daycare, healing centre
- everyone who enters bearing the Spirit
- spiritual place
- housing
- provide help
- a new light shines in the nbrhood
- heart of the community
- take care of everyone in the nbrhd

OUTWARD VISION:

Senior Centre Housing / Assisted Living †††††

Thrift Shop

Co-op with other faiths †

After school homework/latchkey kids/sport activities ††††

Mama's & others †

Soup kitchens †

Music school / dance - arts ††

INWARD VISION:

Music program ††††††

Youth programs ††††

Church sponsored sport

Place to come for those who do not have a Christian background ††††

Seniors club ††

teas

men's

women's

teaching others

mentoring

computers

knitting

language

INWARD:

- Youth program - engaging the youth in community - drop-in outlet
- Intergenerational aspect of church life & community - different service times (live what you believe) Youth Group belonging!
- Men's group - spiritual growth, activities, outreach
- choir concert - expanded music program

OUTWARD:

- Programs for poor to improve lives, not just handouts. Community kitchens
- Multifunctional church to encompass these activities. Social justice issues.
- More usage of building for other than Sunday. Landlord vs. user groups with spiritual connection.

- C.E. Coordinator - Sunday School
- Youth, part of congregation, to feel belong
- Small group ministry, meeting other than worship
- More leadership - additional ministry staff
- Spiritual development - Inward looking/Outward reaching

U.C. Blossoms (headline)!

- music program

OUTWARD

1) Midweek community worship ...
Wednesday Worship Score with Sports Fans

2) Outreach Programs
Seniors & Youth Taken for a Ride

HEADLINES (?)

"Phoenix United opened their new state of the art Kitchen"

"Successful Youth Conference"

300 young people gathered at P/U on Saturday, July 25, 2009, a month after the church opened. Youth discussed social justice, youth violence and various other issues. Action groups were formed to develop strategies to address these issues throughout the coming year.

"Latch-key project results in Win"

"Local Youths Travel to Africa:

Royal St. John's youth left today for Africa to start the building of a school for Mama's Orphanage in Kenya. The youth group of St. John's Royal Heights is travelling to Busia, Kenya to build a new school for Mama Orphans Children's Home. The youth have raised \$20,000 for this project. They will be assisted by members of the church. They leave November 1 and will spend six weeks at the orphanage. Donations gratefully received. Contact Mabel at 604-123-654

"Royal St. John's Christmas pageant opens the season with a staggering turnout"