

February 6, 2011 Meeting Notes

Concerns:

Fear of change

Throwing out baby with bathwater

Looking at our strengths – re-evaluating

(bottom – up activity) unclear

Much of our activity is taken up by maintenance of our buildings

We are underutilizing our facility

More spiritual activities

More weddings and other activities held here

Inherent resistance to change

We might go too far or not far enough

Needs continuity and spontaneity

We need to know spiritual needs

Simplified structure

We are aging and not attracting enough new members

Exciting:

Some of our commissions will easily go through transition

Are people in seminary being trained for collaborative ministry (concern and exciting)?

Liz stated that she is being trained.

We are not the only church going through this process.

What is our calling?

We need to be able to lead people into a relationship with their God.

Leader has to have spiritual currency

Peace within ourselves

Need cheerleader aspect

Passion building

Ability to make a difference

Greater transparency about needs

This is about who we all could be.

(Concern – Could I change?)

Components of spiritual formation:

How to inspire passion in everybody

Knowing deeply who we are.

Having a prayer life

People working together

Use the word - optimize