

PLANNING SUMMARY—2006

Effective: 28 DEC 2005

MISSION STATEMENT—2006

The Franklin fellowship of the Community of Christ **endeavors to realize Godly peace and justice in the world by calling all persons to responsibly participate in God's creative activity, care for creation, and minister to the needs of others thereby heeding the message that the life of Jesus reveals.** Through programs of education, growth, pastoral care, service, and worship, **this fellowship fosters commitment and competency among those it calls to undertake such endeavors in order to create a community of shared hope, faith, love, forgiveness, and joy in which to discover salvation.**

Suggested Programming and Activities (Abridged)—2006

Education

- e1**—affirm the pastor's authority to constitute a volunteer religious education advisory/planning group, 15 JAN 06
- e2**—develop ways to evaluate objectives achievement pertaining to this congregational function (on-going)
- e3**—review/recommend adult curriculum for congregational use, preliminary report by 31 MAR 06
- e4**—provide for a strong educational component in our worship experiences, especially in the alternative worship models, through experimentation and group feedback
- e5**—provide members educational flyers, materials, experiences (on-going)
- e6**—provide curriculum recommendations on the theological foundations of serving others by 31 MAR 06
- e7**—bring in outside speakers ("experts") to present topics/issues of interest to the fellowship (on-going)
- e8**—establish and offer an introductory Community of Christ course for interested persons by 31 MAR 06

Growth

- g1**—affirm the pastor's authority to constitute a volunteer growth advisory/planning group, 15 JAN 06
- g2**—develop ways to evaluate objectives achievement pertaining to this congregational function (on-going)
- g3**—review/recommend content/design/technology for implementing a congregation website by 1 MAR 06
- g4**—have constructed website on-line, subscribed to a search engine placement and optimization service, and linked to the general church, church region, and local municipalities (e.g., chambers of commerce) to market the congregation by 1 APR 06
- g5**—increase the congregation's visibility; yellow pages, local newspaper ads, and prepare a Community of Christ Introductory course to present to interested non-members and prospective converts by 1 FEB 06
- g6**—identify possible programs of interest to the general public to sponsor that have edifying themes, preliminary/feasibility report by 15 MAR 06

Pastoral Care

- p1**—affirm the pastor's authority to constitute a volunteer pastoral care advisory/planning group, 15 JAN 06
- p2**—develop ways to evaluate objectives achievement pertaining to this congregational function (on-going)
- p3**—clarify church membership roll (on-going)
- p4**—establish and implement a protocol for attendance-management/home visitation by 1 FEB 06
- p5**—establish and implement a crisis management protocol that includes referrals by 1 FEB 06
- p6**—Social programs/calendar with a rolling horizon of fixed, semi-fixed, and tentative events (on-going)
 - quarterly/semi-annual gatherings dispersed members and friends of the congregation
 - something on the order of "pot luck" types of affairs (KISS principle, however)
 - edifying and uplifting entertainment activities
- p7**—establish electronic/snail-mail contact with members and friends of the congregation (here, the website and website current events in newsletter form may suffice) by 1 MAY 06
- p8**—upkeep and maintenance of the facility (on-going)

Service

- s1**—affirm the pastor’s authority to constitute a volunteer service advisory/planning group, 15 JAN 06
- s2**—develop ways to evaluate objectives achievement pertaining to this congregational function (on-going)
- s3**—promote/expand our involvement in the TEFAP program, preliminary/feasibility report by 1 JUL 06
- s4**—invite members from local high school service clubs by letter, follow-up phone call, and visit (to the HS principal) to assist in food distribution, provide nutrition information, and advise of related services to augment the TEFAP program (for future consideration)
- s5**—attempt to join local ministerial alliances by 1 FEB 06
- s6**—establish an annual award recognizing persons who have made contributions to peace and justice in the locale (for future consideration)

Worship

- w1**—affirm the pastor’s authority to constitute a volunteer worship advisory/planning group, 15 JAN 06
- w2**—develop ways to evaluate objectives achievement pertaining to this congregational function, 1 FEB 06
- w3**—develop and schedule a range of varying worship formats involving traditional as well as broad participation and spontaneous elements that are designed to celebrate what we and others do, inform/educate/motivate, and have good presentation (professional) appeal (on-going)
- w4**—increase the flow of *interesting and inspiring* visiting speakers from within and without the church who can challenge and broaden the congregation’s vision of the extent of its responsibilities, preliminary fixed, semi-fixed, and tentative schedule by 19 FEB 06
- w5**—explore possible alternative times to hold both traditional and alternative worship services than at the 1100 hr. on Sundays, feasibility report by 1 MAR 06