

Practical Vision

Focus Question: As the new First United Methodist Church of Lombard/Villa Park anticipates the future, what **shared vision and directions do we need:**

- To meet the needs of our congregation;
- Serve our communities and;
- Make Disciples of Christ?

Vision Workshop Question: “What do we want to see in place in 3 to 5 years as a result of our actions?”

We will See...

A Facility That Meets the Needs of Our Vision	Cultivating Identify through Collaboration, Faith, Fellowship & Outreach with Established Groups		Diverse and Vibrant Congregation	Developing Community Connection & Relationships	Expanded Ministries Through Methodist Connection	Growing Of Our Christian Faith
• Church Vehicle • Transportation from Beacon Hill/Lexington • Accessible Building and flexible space (to meet the needs of programs) *parking • Up-to-date, accessible, code compliant building • Multipurpose facility	• Intra Faith Outreach • Collaborative Faith Events • Joint Church Fellowship with Sisters of the Dairy Queen (UCC, Calvary Episcopal, etc.) • Working with established ministries (PADS, Outreach House, etc.) • Portable care packs for Homeless • Joining Villa Park Rotary Boots & Shoes Program (free shoes for children) • Sponsoring Support Groups (AA, La Leche)	• One New Partnership with local charity or ministry in Villa Park/Lombard • Coffee Shop Studies or Discussions • Vibrant Ministry Network • Organization comes to us because of what we have done (i.e. Lurie Children's Hospital) • Partner with a specific need (i.e. Poised for Success)	• Congregational Diversity • Every fifth Sunday an alternative worship service • Variety of worship styles (contemporary, traditional, etc.) • Rainbow Flag Out Front (Signage)	• Intergenerational Fun together (cook, crafts, etc.) • All ages specific programming & participation opportunities • Mission Trips • Mission Field Trips • Seasonal Activities for all Ages • Recognition Events for Youth Groups • Octoberfest for the community • Job Interview Mentoring Programs • Offer Financial Education Course • Establish an Adult Day Care Center • Build Little Free Library • Christmas Pageant on Front Lawn • Worship Services at Beacon/Lexington	• Exploring New Ministries i.e. Circuit Rider • Attend Lay Academy • Joint Ministries with the Northern Illinois Confer. • Safe Sanctuary Training • Involvement in UMCOR Activities • Share process for how to do a Merge	• Congregational Development, i.e. Disciples Program, Mentoring, Bible Study • Adult Confirmation Classes • Small Groups • Personal Development in relation to Church ministries, Admin., Leadership • Bilingual Bible Study • Prayer Group • Prayer Events focused on Specific Local or Global Concerns (i.e. Gaza, Gun violence, etc) • Demonstrating our faith outside the church • Coffee Shop Studies or Discussions