

Platte Woods United Methodist Church  
STATE OF THE CHURCH  
FEBRUARY 10, 2010

Mission: To build an outwardly focused Christian community of full participants in the life of grace.

Excel in the 5 Practices

- Radical Hospitality
- Passionate Worship
- Risk-Taking Mission and Service
- Intentional Faith Development
- Extravagant Generosity

Values:

- Christ-Centered
- Spirit-Empowered
- Biblically based
- Outwardly Focused
- Fruitful
- Accountable

Finances

- 3.4 million debt to begin T3 (January 2007)
- Received 2 mil. In pledges
- Total indebtedness paid in full December 2009!

- General giving – 287 pledge cards (37 self-identified tithers)
- Ended 2009 with a surplus – received more than paid!

Should have 7.64% of our yearly giving in January and exceeded that by 2500 however our offering in January 2010 were some 20,000k less than last January – weather?

Overfunded the dining hall project by a few thousand dollars

Growth and Attendance

- 85 new members in 2010
- Average attendance 2010 – 814
- Average attendance 2009 – 815

Goals/Markers

- 300 first time visitors identified and tracked
- 50% assimilation rate
- One-half new members on profession of faith or restored
- Learning contacts (800)

Service contacts (1200)

Increasing number of self-identified tithers – proportionate givers

Average attendance goals - +70 when figure 10% attrition

#### Plans on the Horizon

7 projects!

1. audio-visuals in adult classrooms ✓
2. kitchen ✓
3. dining hall ✓
4. replace heating and air conditioning units (maintenance)
5. Sanctuary – lights, sounds, floor covering
6. “front door”
7. Life Center

#### Healthy Church Initiative (HCI)

Mystery Visitors

Relative Strengths

1. Worship – Music, preaching, service leading
2. Directions
3. Connections Resources – materials, events, bulletin

Needs Improvement

1. Friendliness (in the pews)
2. Children’s Ministry (signage)
3. Exterior Signage

74% of visitors said they would return

Consultant attributes that to music/preaching

Exterior entrance sign – coming from south – missed UM on sign

Looking for services times outside

1 person almost got run over in the parking lot!

Consultation – our plan for 2010

Explain HCI

Probably in November (Doug Anderson)

1. Identify 5 strengths
2. Identify 5 weaknesses
3. give 5 prescriptions
  - month later congregation vote to accept
  - coach for 18 months to hold us accountable

Purpose is to take the church to the next level – participation