

Objective #2: Grow faithful Disciples of Christ through an organized plan that includes all ages and inspires members to develop a deeper faith.

Council Champion(s): Nancy Bellick

Goal 2a: Develop Small group comprehensive ministry that includes additional Sunday School options reaching beyond the walls of Grace

Advocate(s) Ashley Albers, Lesley Darrah, Chris Drake, Ruth and Don Klug

The survey from LRP goal 1B is completed. Awaiting results to coordinate options.

Goal 2b: Schedule sabbaticals for both pastors

Advocate(s): Pete Knight

Pastor Williams completed his sabbatical in September. Pastor Langsdorf has planned and will begin his sabbatical next summer. A funding grant has been received.

Goal 2c: Annual congregation-wide Bible study and sermon series.

Advocate(s): Barbara Fountain, Irene Syvertson, Bill Hamilton, Sue Filson, Tim Snyder

The 5 week small group discussion series was successfully completed this summer. A summary with comments from some of the 230 participants was in the September Grace Vine newsletter.

Goal 2d: Leadership development plan for mentoring and growing leaders.

Advocate(s):

Karen-Eve Pfozter and Pastor Williams conducted a well attended training session for leaders/coordinators/organizers on May 27th with another scheduled for Oct 22nd.

Goal 2e: Plan and implement encompassing and innovative prayer ministry

Advocate(s): Sallie Staton-Knott, Way and Deanna Plowman

This program is flourishing with Open sanctuary prayer, intercessory prayer, prayer chest, prayer chain, Cancer prayer group and the personal prayer ministry. Sallie Staton-Knott has expanded her ministry (updated at Goal 5a). Some members, with Pastor Langsdorf as Chaplain, are participating in the healing prayer ministry (Order of St. Luke) which is open to anyone and several area churches participate in this every 2nd Friday. This goal has been met.

Goal 2f: Intentionally develop a plan for multicultural ministry and Hispanic outreach.

Advocate(s): Barbara West, Aaron Solano

Pastor Alfredo has facilitated three Wednesday evening programs in October, focusing on world views, education/religion, and central values of Americans of Hispanic heritages. These workshops reflected our Church commitment to welcome and embrace diverse populations in our community. Pastor Oviedo initiated the Chocolate Hispanic language and culture class in October. Over 20 have signed up to begin this 2 year internet and group immersion program concluding in a Latin American country trip.