

**Ministry Name** Faith Formation Task Force **Meeting Date** 9/28/17

**Chair Name** Dixie Hanson **Date Submitted** 9/29/17

**Present** Dixie Hanson, Pastor Erik , Mark Kubes, Sue Bauer **Absent** Janny Franken

**Caring Conversation**

**Topic:** \_\_\_\_\_

**This specific ministry's annual goals include:**

- Support & encourage ministry leaders in developing faith formation
- Make the four keys of faith formation visible.
- Promote intergenerational interactions
- Promote communication between ministries and congregation council and congregation

**Devotions: Dixie**

**We celebrated these accomplishments:** *(list what individuals & the team did in the past 30 days to fulfill this specific ministry's annual goals)*

**Dare to Share theme:** *COAM stories of stewardship, forums scheduled stories to share: Ron Soderquist, Brenda Tubbs, Shannon Savage-Howie, Janny Franken and family*

**We decided to:** *(list recent decisions made that others should know about)*  
*We are handing over the mission statement and new website to the executive committee of the Congregational Council and the Council to introduce to the congregation.*

*\*Mission statement for Holy Trinity: **We are committed to nurture Christ-centered lives to reflect God's loving grace in our local and global communities.***

**We are working on:** *(list current projects & point people)*

*As we focus on nurturing Christ-centered lives, this year we will formulate a plan for small group ministry that can be intergenerational, add spiritual components to groups we already have and form new groups to connect members both socially and spiritually.*

*Ideas for a small group plan:*

*Bring spiritual practices such as highs and lows, prayers and faith conversations into existing groups by bringing leaders of the groups together for a training. Also in the training emphasize ways of inviting others to join the groups and ways of caring for each other when needs arise.*

*Assess the existing small groups in the congregation for the number of members already connected in small groups.*

*Possible new groups to bring together:  
Having one night a month with a meal and break out into small groups.  
Form performing arts groups with music, visual arts, drama with experienced performers bringing in younger interested members to share expertise.  
Form a grief group, divorce group, singles group, young families group and other specialty groups.  
Form dinner out groups.*

*Some resource links and resources Jim LaDoux suggested are:  
Parentfurther.org, Godpause, newly designed faith talk cards with Bible verse and blessing included with the discussion question and the website  
faithformationlearningexchangelifelongfaith.com*

*For our next meeting we will talk about the “Growing Vibrant Faith at all Ages and Life Stages” document forwarded to everyone.  
Also we will be prepared to assess the current small groups and the number of members involved. The new printed brochure about the congregation can be a resource for assessing our current groups although there are also some informal groups that we can also include in the count.*

**We desire Council’s assistance with:** *(list items)*  
*Considering the mission statement and logo to be introduced during the stewardship process and presented to the congregation at the Reformation one service. Overseeing the website design and improving communication through website, facebook, instagram and recorded sermons.  
As we think about beginning a small group ministry, send any thoughts and suggestions to us.*

**Next meeting:** *Thursday, October 19*