

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Given the success of our Realize the Dream Campaign, and the likelihood that we will be virtually free from debt by mid 2010, I would now like to ask the Session to set up a process by which we truly begin to “flesh out” the many programs and ministries that have been part of Westminster’s hopes and dreams over the past decade. The opportunity to strengthen these is a major reason we renovated our facilities; their presence is reflected, but not limited to, the Mission Statement we adopted in 2005. We now have the luxury, excitement, and duty to move forward in planning these.

I don’t have any magic wand as to how to do this.....

- Our planning could be done by the Session, the Council of Session (committee chairs), or a special task force consisting of some Session members, some deacons, and members of the congregation at large.
- Our planning could be led by an outside professional, by presbytery staff, or by people in our congregation with those particular skills or gifts.
- Our planning could make use of tools for such purposes that presumably are available in the marketplace.
- Our planning would need to be closely coordinated with the Session and at specific points involve the congregation at large.

What I would like to do is invite three to five Session members (with at least one per class) to sit with me (and potentially other clergy) to brainstorm how to go about this, and come back to the Session with a plan.

I am open to volunteers, and would like us to meet Monday, July 30th, at 7:30 p.m.

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Moderator
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