

PATHWAY TO STRATEGIC PLANNING
UPDATE – March 7, 2009

The Visioning Team has completed its work. Below are the Mission and Vision statements that are being proposed to present to the Church Council at its next meeting on March 25. The team invites you to discuss with your family, any group that you are connected with in the church and/or to individually reflect on the proposed mission and vision statements. After you have spent time in discussion and reflection, please send your written feedback to Pastor Don or the church office by March 24. Once the Mission and Vision are approved in final form by the Council, Pastor Don will meet with the Chairpersons and Coordinators of the OUMC ministries and committees on April 8 to discuss how to implement strategic planning in relation to the Mission and Vision of the church. Much appreciation is given to those who faithfully committed their time and energy to this process.

If you send feedback, please include your name and contact information in case we need to contact you for clarification on your feedback. We will not be able to consider anonymous feedback. Please mail or bring to the church office your written comments or email them to oumc@oaktonumc.org or hawks.don@gmail.com .

MISSION STATEMENT: Tells why we exist; what the overall purpose of the congregation is.

The **MISSION** of Oakton United Methodist Church is to:

- Know Jesus as Christ
- Invite others to follow Him
- Develop devoted disciples
- Serve those in need

VISION STATEMENT: States how the congregation will carry out the mission in the future

The **VISION** of Oakton United Methodist Church is for our congregation:

- To connect to the Christian ministries of Oakton United Methodist Church in an imaginative and inviting way
- To prayerfully devote our lives to worship, spiritual maturity, nurturing one another, sharing our faith, and reaching out to those in need both locally and globally
- To express ourselves as a dynamic congregation of love and joy in the name of Jesus Christ, whom we follow as our Example and Redeemer.

Proverbs 26:1

- Where there is no vision, the people perish (KJV)
- Where there is no prophetic vision the people cast off restraint (ESV)
- If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves (Msg)
- Where there is no vision [no redemptive revelation of God], the people perish (AB)