

The vision of the First United Methodist Church of Allen is to be a church that embraces all generations on a life-changing Christian journey to change the world

**PARTNER WITH THE HOUSE OF HOPE (HOH) TO DETERMINE NEXT STEPS FOR THE FUTURE**

Assist Send Hope in preparing the future with the long-term goal of having a strong board of directors for Send Hope  
Support Steven and Lauren Hosack's move to HOH (Fall 2015)  
Establish a trade school in Puerto Lempira, Honduras

**CREATE A CHANGE THE WORLD CULTURE**

Fortify our current missional efforts as we become Christ's hands and feet in the world

Missions Team and Change the World Chair

**PERFORM MISSION WORK REGIONALLY AND DOMESTICALLY**

Develop an ongoing system for mission trips in the U.S.  
Create a system to respond to disasters locally, regionally, and domestically (Summer 2016)

**ESTABLISH A STAFF POSITION RESPONSIBLE FOR MISSION AND OUTREACH**

Designate, assign, or hire a motivated individual and self-starter to oversee and cultivate missions at FUMC Allen (SPRC, Winter 2017)

**CONTINUE TO SUPPORT ESTABLISHED MISSION PROJECTS OF THE CHURCH**

Maintain and fortify current and future missional efforts at FUMC Allen

## CHANGE the WORLD

**START NEW GROUPS EVERY FOUR MONTHS WHILE ENCOURAGING THE GROWTH OF EXISTING GROUPS**

Create a process by which new groups are formed and repeat the process three times a year (January, May, and August)  
Create groups that reach and serve new residents of the Allen community (Winter 2016)

**NURTURE SIGNIFICANT RELATIONAL MINISTRIES**

Develop and nurture significant relational ministries whereby people are connected with Christ and neighbor in a life-giving way

Adult Council

**SUPPORT SIGNIFICANT RELATIONAL MINISTRIES**

Allocate a minimum resource of 20 hours per week dedicated to direct support of Adult Ministries (SPRC, Winter 2016)

## WORSHIP plus 2

**DEVELOP POINTS IN WORSHIP SERVICES TO ENGAGE AND CONNECT WITH OUR GUESTS**

Train and select staff/laity for worship moment opportunities (ongoing)

**EXPERIENCE DYNAMIC WORSHIP**

Provide and resource inspirational and compelling worship experiences that engage all persons to live passionately for Christ

Pastors and Team TBD

**CREATE A WORSHIP SERVICE FOR A TIME OTHER THAN SUNDAY MORNING**

Define a family worship service by describing an intended target audience, worship styles, and the components that constitute the service (Winter 2016)

**DEVELOP A RECREATIONAL GROUP FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

Establish a Recreational Ministries Team (Ages 18-25) that can lead to the expansion of the young adults Sunday school class (Spring 2016)

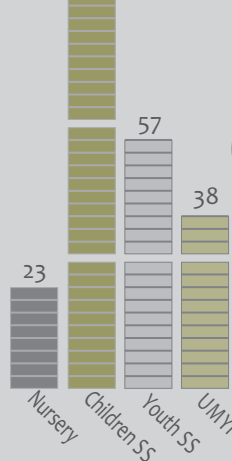
**ENGAGE FUTURE GENERATIONS**

Actively nurture God's children through ministries designed to develop them to be future leaders of the church

Children's Council, Recreational Ministries, and Youth Council

**ATTENDANCE**

Oct 2015 Averages



**LEAD CHILDREN IN BECOMING COMPASS KIDS TO GROW UP FOLLOWING IN GOD'S DIRECTION**

Establish a Children's Council that can engage, train, fortify, and encourage Compass Kids Guides (Adult/Youth Leaders) to lead children in discovering God's direction for their lives

**LEAD YOUTH IN BECOMING PRINCIPLE-CENTERED CHRISTIAN LEADERS**

Further develop a Youth Leadership Team that can engage and equip youth and adults to grow in their knowledge of Christ through play, study, fellowship, worship, and service and to further lead peers in the Christian journey

**INCORPORATE FAMILIES INTO THE FABRIC OF OUR CHURCH**

Compliment existing ministries (Recreational Ministries Team, Children's Council, Youth Leadership Team, Music Ministry Team, and Hospitality Team) by offering programming and space for fellowship for family members (Spring 2016)

**BUILD AND MAINTAIN AN ONGOING BRIDGE BETWEEN FUMC ALLEN AND LLC**

FUMC Allen participants are encouraged to engage at LLC, and LLC participants are encouraged to engage at FUMC Allen

**SECURE THE FUTURE OF LIVING LIFE CHURCH (LLC)**

Our church moves out into the community to provide a significant faith community in northwest Allen and southwest McKinney

LLC Stewardship Team and Liaison

**PARTNER WITH FUMC ALLEN IN MISSION/OUTREACH EFFORTS IDENTIFIED BY LLC TO REACH THEIR DESIGNATED MISSION FIELD**

Partner to reach new mission fields

**PROVIDE STRATEGIC RESOURCING FOR LLC**

Make available to LLC key resources to minimize administrative expenses as a way to maximize ministry

**BE INTENTIONAL ABOUT WELCOMING OUR GUESTS**

Create an organized hospitality team (Fall 2015)  
Create a fellowship area within FUMC Allen (Fall 2016)  
Create a welcome center (TBD by Hospitality Team)  
Recruit and train members of FUMC Allen to be Hospitality Ambassadors (Fall 2015)

**PROMOTE INTENTIONAL HOSPITALITY**

Connect with our neighbors through Christian hospitality to forge life-changing relationships to change the world

Hospitality Team

**CREATE AN EVEN MORE SACRED AND INVITING SPACE FOR WORSHIP, RELATIONS, AND FAITH-BUILDING FOR THE COMING GENERATIONS**

Update and modernize the children ministry spaces (Phase 1, 2015; Phase 2, 2016)  
Provide improved youth space to enhance new generation ministries (TBD)  
Engage congregation and visitors with more visible hospitality strategy (TBD)  
Upgrade appeal and functional utility of the south entrance and parlor (TBD)  
Upgrade appeal and functional utility of the west entrance (TBD)  
Enhance Fellowship Hall to reflect our efforts to engage participants in their worship experiences  
Enhance our sanctuary to reflect our efforts to engage participants in their worship experience  
Update new long-range plan considering various options for phase approach for capital campaign-type enhancements (Fall 2015)

**MODERNIZE OUR FACILITY**

Create an even more sacred and inviting space for worship, relations, and faith-building (formation) for the coming generation

Trustees and Designees

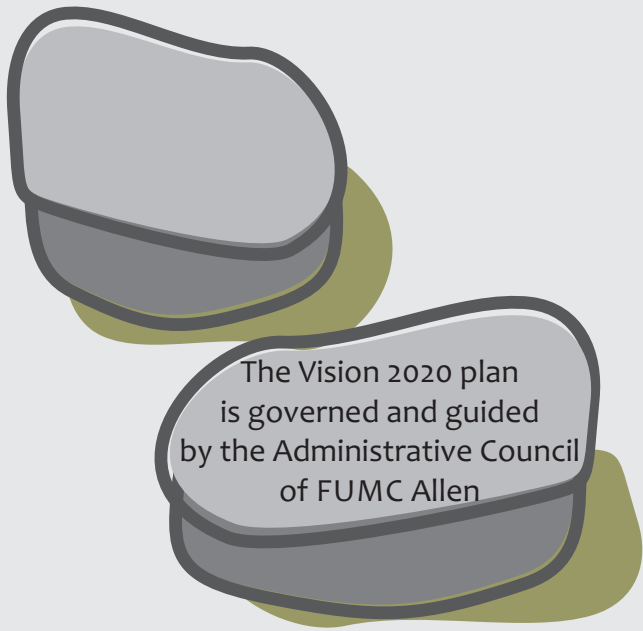
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# HOW CAN I JOIN FUMC ALLEN ON THE NEXT STEP?

SUPPORT FUMC ALLEN WITH YOUR PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE, AND WITNESS



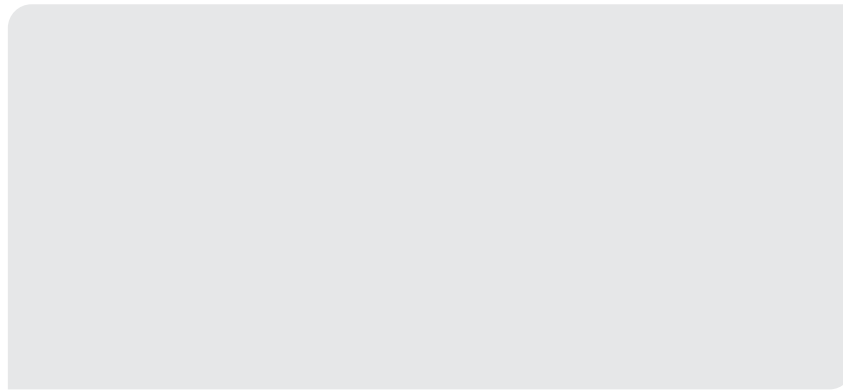
## SUGGESTED STEPS YOU CAN TAKE:

- Pray for our leadership
- Pray for each stepping stone
- Attend worship weekly
- Join two or more small groups
- Spend time with God by reading your Bible and daily devotions
- Tithe to FUMC Allen
- Volunteer with Change the World
- Support current missions
- Volunteer to teach or assist Compass Kids or Catalyst Youth
- Join a Stepping Stones team
- Share the Good News of Jesus
- Invite others to join us on the next step
- Serve as a greeter or Hospitality Ambassador

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Acts 2:41-47

**VISION**  
Stepping Stones to the Future

**2020**

**STEPPING STONES**

