

Transition Report April 9, 2014

Once again, a big thank you to all of you who were able to attend the third of our four congregational workshops about the transition process! There was great energy and lots of voices shared in discussing two questions about the four areas that we all agree are important in the life of our fellowship:

- Life span faith development
- Worship life
- Social justice activity
- Congregational life
- Caring for each other
- Social activities

The questions were:

What do we appreciate about our _____?

What other possibilities are there for our _____?

In our first three workshops, we have come to realize that we have a much clearer idea of who we are, both in our short-lived history and in the present, and that we have a multitude of ideas about what we appreciate and what we would like to see for our congregation. The input from so many members and friends of the congregation has been invaluable. Now the task is to come up with a way to make decisions about how to become the faith community that we aspire to be.

We will gather on Sunday, April 27, 12:30 - 2:00 pm, to consider the topic: "How Do We Choose?: Setting Priorities for Our Future." This will be a workshop in which we identify the values that are core to who we are and who we want to be so that we can establish our next steps to our future.

- Please come to help us think about these priorities!

Lunch will be provided, and child care will be available; please contact Norma Bailey (baile1nj@cmich.edu, 989-560-3952) if you need child care.

In love and peace, Your Transition Team
(Norma Bailey, Jim Dealing, Laura Frey, and Joyce Henricks)