

## **Fashioning a Bright Future Together: Meeting June 9, 2024**

(A summary of the ideas from this meeting. Disclaimer: As many of you had similar ideas, you may not see the exact wording of your ideas.)

### **Community Engagement and Outreach**

- Connect more with non-profit organizations in Kingfield, Tangletown, and South Minneapolis in general
- Stay connected with New Hope Baptist Church – co-promotion events, fellowship
- Emphasize adjunct ministries like Judson pre-school, Meals on Wheels, TRUST, Counseling Center. To be transparent have reports on what's happening in these programs.
- Promote assets of the church like what we do to improve the environment inside and outside our church building.
- Open up use of the basement, offer access to our building like we did for Empty Bowls, share use of building, open the church to other community possibilities like Calvary Lutheran.
- Engage with a homeless shelter.
- More community outreach to include reaching out to pre-school parents; doing co-events with other organizations.
- Develop a sister church, New Beginnings?
- Openness to new ideas.
- Make use of members special talents.
- Outreach to seniors to provide community.
- Emphasis on services for seniors to include Meals-on-Wheels.
- Figure out how to connect with people feeling disconnected and are looking for connections.
- The care and connection we have as a community is what makes us special. Focus on relationship building to include in the local neighborhood.
- Have patience and draw people in one by one.
- Have short-term programs around different topics.

### **Youth and Family Involvement**

- Creating an opportunity for all the Judson families with kids ages 0-17 to get together and discuss ways to increase church membership in our age range, ways to promote in our networks/communities. Need to recruit younger people. Outreach to younger people/families from those of same age, bring Malak in on brainstorming reaching younger people.
- In 5 years, I'd like to see triple the number of children now attending.
- Dreams for 10 years: full sanctuary, full budget, someone hired to organize activities, more money for music and children.
- Historically Judson made a big commitment to children, this included a great pre-school.
- Where are the teens? Never saw any of the graduates before last Sunday.
- Hire a youth coordinator.
- Develop a short-term program for younger kids to address Life Lessons such as things like kindness, bullying, morals, and inclusivity. We could do it as a week in the summer like a summer camp option. Sort of how we bring kids in from the community

for the OWL program. (Travis think Mr. Rogers!)

- Emphasize how we love our kids. What do parents want for their kids?

### **Music and Arts**

- Emphasize strong music background at Judson – music events, shows, concerts. Keep up the concerts. Expand advertising of musical performances. If we bring in more people, there's more motivation for people to perform at Judson and more people exposed to Judson. Make Judson a music destination.
- Support other activities such as poetry slam, comedy, speaker series
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### **Social Media and Digital Presence**

- More Instagram content promoting Judson
- Present open-ended questions on social media, do YouTube shorts.
- Continue to update our social media in a timely manner.
- Including others via zoom, streaming. Expand beyond Minneapolis, MN, and the USA.
- How do we maintain confidentiality with services on You Tube?

### **Historical and Cultural Preservation**

- Have an updated history of Judson on the website.
- Acknowledge the gardens that beautify the exterior.
- Have the church listed as a historical site. There might possibly be monies involved.
- Expand/strengthen the 10 things we know about Judson

### **Financial Development and Grants**

- Apply for grants to bring in extra money
- Have a designated grant writing committee.
- Educate about how to leave money to the church from your estate.

### **Interpersonal Relationships and Welcoming**

- The care and connection we have as a community is what makes us special. Focus on relationship building to include in the local neighborhood.
- More intentional welcoming of new members, i.e. welcome packet, pairing of Judson member with new members.
- Add periodic section to the Friday email of a short write-up about new members and write-ups about kids who attended Judson and where are they now.
- Reunion of Judson kids
- Continue personal reflections as they are a big draw.

### **Church Facilities and Accessibility**

- Open up use of the basement, offer access to our building like we did for Empty Bowls, share use of building, open the church to other community possibilities like Calvary Lutheran.
- Have breakout sessions for people hard of hearing in smaller (quieter) rooms, Do something about acoustics in meeting rooms.

### **Social Justice and Inclusivity**

- Discuss reparations; what does that look like? Keep up racial justice work.
- Explore how tolerant we really are.
- Explore land transfer to Dakota people.

### **Future Planning and Vision**

- Stay the course, don't compromise what we already have.
- I might not be here in 10 years. I don't feel like I will be here in 10 years. Even if I'm alive, I don't see that I'll be getting myself here to Judson in 10 years.
- 10-year plans rarely work.
- Hire a youth coordinator.
- Need Travis to be more visible. Continue Travis's Wednesday messages.
- Take Baptist out of church name.
- More intentional welcoming of new members, i.e. welcome packet, pairing of Judson member with new members.
- What are the upcoming major projects for the church building and the revenue needs?