

Oxon Hill United Methodist Church

Strategic Vision Discernment Survey

As you review each element of our vision, hold these two questions before you: 1. Who are we? 2. Who are we called to serve?

For each item below, mark whether it should be **KEPT** as an accurate reflection of our vision, or whether prayerful discernment shows it is **NOT** where God is currently leading us — and write briefly why. Your responses will guide our congregational conversation.

Our Strategic Plan

- 1.** Be a Christ-centered church by becoming inclusive of ministry and maintaining diversity to be a multi-racial congregation.

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Why:

- 2.** Be a Missional-oriented church by expanding the current Bread Ministry and establishing programs that meet the needs of our neighbors and local schools, and the large community.

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Why:

- 3.** Develop sustainability of the Bread Ministry team for the next 3-5 years.

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Why:

- 4.** Invite youth to do a service project and to serve the Bread Ministry.

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Why:

- 5.** Seek to be an inter-generational congregation by inviting children and youth into the worship services and encourage them to do a service project by sharing Christ's love in the community and the world.

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Why:

6. Find talents and gifts of the congregation and equip them to serve the Children's Ministry, Sunday School, and other areas of mission and ministry.

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Why:

7. Reach out to unchurched children and youth in the community through VBS and other ministry platforms (Afterschool programs).

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Why:

8. Partner with the local schools.

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Why:

9. Strengthen the Young Adult Ministry through V.I.P. & Tech Ministry.

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Why:

10. Enhance the tech ministry by inviting young adults to develop the community project through online auctions and the social justice bible study.

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Why:

11. Have each member work with the church in its stewardship plan in addition to developing a sustainable mission and ministry for the next 5-to-10 years.

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Why:

12. Become a prayerful congregation in mission and ministry by seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

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Why:

13. Plan to build an affordable housing complex as a “Breathing Space of Grace” for those who cannot afford housing costs in the area to reduce the homeless population. (3-5 years mission project.)

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Why:

Reflection Questions

1. What would you see is needed to enhance our worship services in person/virtual.

2. What are the characteristics of the church and community?

3. How are we church living into the UMC Vision to Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully and Lead Courageously?
Choose 1, 2, or all 3 visions and give specific examples.

4. What do you believe are our characteristics of the church and community?

5. What are three strengths that enable OHUMC to make new disciples and to grow in discipleship?

6. What new things are you excited about for our congregation?

7. What are three critical needs of OHUMC that will enable us to make more disciples & produce more fruit in ministry? Give as much detail as possible.

8. Pastors are itinerant and are appointed one year at a time. If Oxon Hill UMC were to receive a new pastor, list 3-5 expectations you have for the pastor.

