



Wii Latest Updates (v1209)

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What's New

The Woodlake Innovations Implementation Team continues to make progress towards our goals. Beginning in October and extending through February, the Teams will be presenting their recommendations to the Church Leadership Council on the following topics:

- Signature Mission
- Worship Redesign
- Stewardship
- Financial planning
- Staffing needs

Given the importance of these topics to the church and the congregation, the Church Leadership Council has been conducting additional meetings over these months to ensure adequate time to consider the Teams' recommendations.

Congratulations to the Discipleship Team!

The Discipleship Team has completed all of their projects identified in the Next Level Innovation (NLI) Report! Members of this team include:

Houston Hemp, Lay Chairperson
Jill Perrin, Staff Chairperson
Nancy Edwards
Tracy Gregory
Beth Grogan

Steve Holliday
Nikki Karnes
Mary Ann Schrecengost
Ellie Scott
Betty Walker

Our heartfelt appreciation to this group for all of their hard work and amazing accomplishments!

Following completion of their Innovation projects, a new Adult Discipleship Advisory Board will work with Jill Perrin to support the integration of the new Discipleship Pathway, 5 elements of our new Discipleship Strategy, and the We Believe Statements into the Adult Ministries programming (see "Reminder" below for more information).



Reminder! New Discipleship Information Available on Website

The new Discipleship Strategy, Discipleship Pathway and We Believe Statements are now available on the WoodlakeUMC.org website and will serve as the foundation for church programming and decisions.

- In Pastor Gordon’s sermon series “The Walk” in September and October, he described the practices and goals associated with the 5 elements of our *Discipleship Strategy*— Worship – Grow – Serve – Give – Share. These 5 elements are located on the WoodlakeUMC.org website under “**Who We Are**”.
- By clicking the link for each of the 5 elements of our Discipleship Strategy on the “**Who We Are**” page, you will see the *We Believe Statements* applicable to each element. These statements represent the uniquely core values of Woodlake UMC.
- The *Discipleship Pathway* applicable to the “Grow” element is available on the website under **Connect-Adults-Digital Booklet of Groups & Classes**. The Discipleship Pathway is being used to build an adult ministries platform that provides studies, small groups, and programming for all the members of our congregation, regardless of where they are in their faith journey.

In Closing

Despite the ongoing limitations resulting from the Coronavirus and now the holiday season, the WII Team continues to make progress. There are more than 60 people committed to working on these innovations.

We hope that you will visit the Innovations web pages each month. The work the Teams are doing represents important changes that will be impactful to Woodlake United Methodist Church in the future. It’s important for you to stay informed during this season of change in our church.

Happy Holidays!