

PROPOSED PROGRAM

THEME: "A Thrust That's New for '72! "

Realizing that the church program, if it is to be God's program, must quicken and make alive each and every member, we present the following program to deepen our worship, commitment, witness, and service.

1. Reactivation of all inactive members whose health will permit active participation.
 - a. Canvass present membership to find out who are the inactive members, and whose health will permit reactivation.
 - b. Groups and individuals enlisted to contact inactive members to encourage them to become active. Those too ill to become active will be under the special care of the minister, with the assistance from the deacons and deaconesses, and the "under-shepherds". News letters will be instituted for inspiration, and information, to be sent to both the active and the inactive members.
 - c. Authorization be given for the forming of several additional organizations to service the membership of the church:
Young²Couples and/or Parents of Young Children's Club, Men's⁵ Organization, Golden Age Club, Club for Couples in between Young Couples and Golden Age, Men's Day and Women's Day programs, Neighborhood³Prayer Groups, Fun³Groups, others - and that members of the church be encouraged to become affiliated with one or more of these groups.
2. Addition of 50 or more new members
 - a. Methods of seeking new members
 - (1) Personal Evangelism: Canvass of all personal friends, check with department of Vital Statistics in order to find out who is new in the city, and make contact with these persons.
 - (2) Mass Evangelism: Evangelistic visitation done by evangelistic councilors.
 - b. Methods for Introducing New Members
 - (1) New member orientation (by Minister, Deacons, Stewardship committee)
 - (2) Introduce new members immediately to the various organizations to see where their interests are.
3. Development again of broad program for the children and youth of the church.
 - a. One Sunday each month designated as Youth Sunday, with total participation in the service of worship.
 - b. Youth Education - classes or group meetings for young people to acquaint them with their own church, its worship and work.
 - c. Youth Recreation - swim parties, trips, bowling, skating, birthday parties at the church by calendar.
 - d. Explore the possibility of a school and children's church, meeting at same time as, or at some time during, the morning worship.

4. Establishment of an "Under-shepherd" system for the church membership.
 - a. "Under-shepherd" - those so designated will visit members of the church who are absent from church services, to indicate the continuing interest of the church and to offer assistance where needed. Under-shepherds will work with assistance from the minister, in the service and nurture of the congregation. They will be trained by the minister.
 - b. Those who will serve as under-shepherds will be "volunteers in Christian service". A system will be devised whereby the under-shepherds can serve all members of the church.
5. Development of a year-round stewardship program, under the leadership of the Stewardship Committee.
 - a. Proportionate giving of time, talent, money to the church program will be stressed.
 - b. More attention will be given to stewardship goals and programs of the U.C.C.
6. Development of an outreach program involving the community surrounding the church.
 - a. Explore ways in which we can have greater cooperation with Plymouth Settlement House.
 - b. Cooperate with other denominations and agencies in this area. Support of the Louisville Area Interchurch for Service Organization.
 - c. Seek some unique contribution that Plymouth can make to the community.
7. Appoint a Task Force.

The minister will appoint a task force to help coordinate this program. Such a task force will be appointed and such appointments publicized churchwide, by January 1, 1972.

For Your Reading: I Corinthians 12
(Modern Translation, Phillips)

Note: Organizations now in existence have not been included here as to change or revision in program, as they are expected to carry on their respective programs with their own revisions and implementations as has been their practice thus far.

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