

In the past decade or so, there have been an increasing number of studies and books about what has been happening to Christ's church as numbers steadily decline, particularly from the old established churches and denominations. I'm sure you have both read some of the articles dissecting this, and discussed them as a congregation over the years. This is not a time for us to delve into all of that past. It is a time for us to look with open eyes at the reality and opportunities we have at Immanuel right now, however.

**1 Where are we planted?**

- 2 What is our neighborhood like, who lives there, what do they think, and what are their current needs?

**3 Who are we?**

- 4 What are our own demographics?
- 5 What are our ministries?
- 6 What are our strengths?

**7 How can where we are planted, and who we are, best meet in the future?**

- 8 Where is the intersection where the need of our neighborhood and the gifts we have to offer come together?
- 9 What might our mission as a church be for the next 10 years?

**10 What can we do for community outreach?**

- 11 What have we done to encourage residents in our Community to attend our church?
- 12 How can residents know about our church?
- 13 How can residents know about our church programs?
- 14 What outreach ideas would inform residents of our church and church programs?
- 15 What can we do to contact new residents of our community?

**16 What happens next?**

- 17 What are the 2-3 most important things for each one of us to do to move toward that mission vision in 2009?
- 18 What are the 2-3 most important things for Rev. Mary to do to move us toward that mission vision in 2009?
- 19 What kind of skills, experience, and personal characteristics will we need in our next pastor to help bring our vision to its best reality?