



January 25, 2009

To the congregation of TLLC,

On behalf of the Long Range Planning Committee, I would like to thank all of you who participated in the asset mapping sessions, focus groups, and individual interviews we conducted in 2008. We have used this input extensively and will continue to use it as we develop the long-range plan for TLLC.

The other side of this letter presents the basis for that plan. We state the vision, values, mission, and priorities of the congregation as we interpreted them from your input. We will use these foundations as we work with the Church Council to develop goals and strategies to take TLLC forward to 2015.

Whether you were able to participate in the information sessions or not, please take time to review this document and provide any comments to me (rwells16@austin.rr.com, 512-261-3037) by February 28, 2009. A copy of this letter is posted on the website and you may comment there as well.

Yours in Christ,

Murray Wells

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Our vision

To be your Christian family.

Our Christ-centered values

Community

We are inclusive, respectful, tolerant, and relationship-driven; and we welcome diversity.

Servanthood

We are thankful, generous, compassionate stewards engaged in outreach.

Our mission

The TLLC mission statement remains a strong statement for our church.

To spread the triumphant love of Jesus Christ to all we touch, we, as members of the Body of Christ, must worship together, study together, rejoice and celebrate together, labor and suffer together, delight in each other, make the condition of others our own, and always have before us Christ's Great Commission to reach out to all people.

Worship together

Our preaching and music are sources of inspiration and effectively communicate the triumphant love of Jesus Christ.

Study together

People of all ages read, learn, and discuss the Word to enlighten our lives and to grow our faith.

Rejoice and celebrate together

TLLC is a place where we rejoice in the grace of God. Shared experiences, dialogue, and fellowship celebrate each person in our community of faith.

Labor and suffer together

The Holy Trinity guides us, heals us, and frees us to share our lives through laughter and tears. We support each other and work together for the good of our congregation and our community.

Delight in each other

We are inclusive, respectful, tolerant, and relationship-driven. We welcome all to come and grow the TLLC circle and to enrich us all as they add their unique gifts.

Make the condition of others our own

We worship, study, and pray so that we are prepared to meet the physical, social, and spiritual needs of others.

Always have before us Christ's Great Commission to reach out to all people

We evangelize Christ's message to those we touch. We embody Christian compassion and support through benevolence and volunteer participation in local service, global outreach, advocacy, and ministry.

Our priorities

The long-range plan highlights four priorities as we approach 2015:

- To engage every member in carrying out our mission statement.
- To be responsible stewards of our finances, building, and resources.
- To build a staffing, volunteer, and leadership plan.
- To do all we do with devotion, compassion, and thankfulness.

Our goals and strategies

To be developed with Council.