

# Edmonds United Methodist Church

July 15, 2008

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus,

We are writing to invite you to come join us in Youth Hall on Sunday, July 27, from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. so that we might share with you the results of our work to date.

Our Task Force consists of three parents elected by parents of our youth, four youth, elected by the youth and two adult members of the church appointed by the Staff Parish Relations Committee.

The purpose of the Youth Ministry Visioning Task Force is to determine the direction the youth ministry at Edmonds United Methodist Church will take over the next five or more years.

In order to accomplish this goal, we set out three objectives: to determine the desired outcomes of the Youth Ministry (the "Vision") and ways to measure effectiveness of that ministry; to revise the job description for the Director of Youth Ministries as necessary to reflect the desired outcomes; and to determine the makeup of and job description of a Youth Ministry Council and/or other affiliated team, and to what body they will report.

As part of our visioning and planning process, we have conducted interviews of interested and involved parties, visited other churches' youth programs, read related articles and researched the different options available to our ministry, and had our District Director of Youth Ministries come and speak to us. We have compiled a large amount of data to ensure our report and recommendations are well-informed.

We now invite you to use the enclosed card to give your response to the questions: What are the elements of a successful youth ministry? And: How should successfulness be measured?

Bring these with you when you come to hear our report on the 27th. If you have other input for us, we will be happy to receive it in writing on or before that day.

This will complete our process of gathering data and input. We will then turn our attention to compiling the data and writing our report with our recommendations to the Staff Parish Relations Committee.

Many thanks to all of you for your continued prayers and support of our efforts on behalf of our youth.

In Christ's Service,

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Bill Lambert & Rev. Serena Sullivan, Facilitators*

Youth Ministry Visioning Task Force