

**Richland Lutheran Church
Long Range Planning Team
October 22, 2012**

Team Members Attending: Dave Brandes, Jim Lachut, Dave Larkin, Jenny Page, Joel Sorensen, Sandy Steele, Bob Thompson.

Members Absent: Pastor Ernst

1. Bob Thompson opened the meeting with prayer at 7:10.
2. Community Demographic Study (Dave Larkin and Sandy Steele): Dave Larkin showed a map of the Tri-City area identifying the homes of our members that he has started developing. Several studies of the Tri-Cities have been identified. One 2010 survey indicated that Benton County, Washington, had the lowest church attendance of any county in the United States.
3. RLC Historic Study (Jim Lachut and Bob Thompson): Plan to talk to Debbie Stankovich to get some stats, to get pointed to archive information, and to obtain suggestions of people to interview.
4. 12 Keys Planning (Pastor Steve and Joel Sorensen): Will provide a report at the next meeting.
5. MOVE Assessment (Jenny Page and Dave Brandes):
 - a. The REVEAL Spiritual Life Survey backgrounder may be found at <http://www.spiritual lifesurvey.com/>
 - b. Key points – so far:
 - i. Cost: \$1500 for the initial survey with 2 and 4 year follow-ups.
 - ii. Survey Feedback: 40-page report with about 100 pages of supporting information.
 - iii. Seems to have good analysis tools and supporting materials.
 - iv. Need 100 members plus to participate to improve the statistical quality of the survey – but will conduct a survey with a minimum of 30 participants. Bob Thompson reported that over 300 participated in the last survey that we conducted.
 - v. After November 10th, the next surveys are in January.
 - c. Questions from the team members:
 - i. Do we have churches that used the survey in the Pacific NW?
 - ii. Are there other surveys that should be evaluated?
 - iii. Is the popularity of this survey growing?
6. Other Discussion Points
 - a. Retreat Center. Further checking is needed – but we think we have \$230K on the books for a Retreat Center. Concerns were expressed on being able to fund the annual operating cost of a retreat center.
 - b. Financial Opportunity. The cost of money is favorable for doing some capital project in 2013.
7. Dave Brandes closed the meeting with prayer at 8:30.
8. Next meeting is October 29, 7:00 pm to discuss our progress in the actions above.