

**Richland Lutheran Church
Long Range Planning Team
Meeting Notes for June 3, 2013**

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

Pastor Steve opened with a prayer at 7:10.

Design and Conduct of the Focus Group Sessions. The focus group meetings were generally well received. Fifty-four individuals attended the two sessions. We will query members of the congregation to determine if there is interest in holding an additional focus group session. The top two *Spiritual Journey Actions* were (1) Bible Reading & Study, and, (2) Worship together.

Congregation Communications. **Action:** Dave Larkin agreed to develop a draft communication insert for the bulletins this weekend – by Wednesday. The communication insert will include:

- An update on the status of the long-range plan, including the major work that has been completed.
- A summary of the focus group results.
- An invitation to offer additional input to the LRPT – by e-mail, during HeBrews Café, the Yellow Slip.

Action: All team members: review and provide feedback before Thursday noon.

Drafting the Long Range Plan. To get started with the drafting of the plan, the team decided to focus on drafting and crafting six key objective statements:

1. Enhancing Our *Spiritual Growth*
2. Focusing Our *Missional Objective(s)*
3. Expanding Our *Evangelism Efforts*
4. Leveraging and Developing Our *Spiritual Leaders*
5. Continuing to Thank and Praise God in *Worship*
6. Improving and Leveraging Our *Resources* to Accomplish the Above Objectives

The objective statements should address RLC today, RLC in three to five years (what do we look like?), and the main steps to get there.

Action: All. Draft one or more objective statements for the above. E-mail them out for review and comment.

Bob Thompson closed the meeting with prayer at 8:45. The next meeting is June 10th at 7:00 pm.