

Feedback from the Congregational Listening Session on August 5, 2018

1. Stewardship asks for more members for their committee
2. Future Ministries Task Force: Ministries to Little River UCC
 - a. Look at evangelizing to minority communities; how we do reach a multicultural, multiracial community? And what about reaching LGBTQ audiences?
 - b. How could we more effectively partner with other faith communities?
 - c. Is it time to restart Fellowship Groups of some kind? They could be geographic in nature, or perhaps organized around an interest. A specific group for parents was requested.
 - d. More information about Pilgrim Youth Fellowship was requested. Does it have a standardized schedule? When does it meet? Could we formalize communications around it?
3. Future Ministries Task Force: Ministries beyond Little River UCC
 - a. A request for a more active lobbying and advocacy group emerged
 - b. What is going on in Northern Virginia beyond Fairfax County? Have we defined our “mission field” too narrowly?
 - c. Mental health issues among teenagers seem to be rising. How can we help?
 - d. Computer training is a need in the community, especially for job applicants who do not have much IT access
 - e. Older adult day care is an increasing need.
 - f. The majority of students in Fairfax County Public Schools now speak a language in addition to English, usually in the home (most commonly Spanish or Arabic, though there are additional languages)
 - g. How might we help adults who need English language classes but who can't seem to find the time or the resources to take them?
 - h. There's a lot of fear and fatigue in the world right now. No sign of that going away any time soon. It was noted that this is an intentional strategy done by some powerful people in our country.
 - i. People drive long distances to come to Little River. What does that mean? Might we start a multi-site ministry? Do we need to start more new churches in places like Woodbridge, Gainesville, Great Falls, etc.?