



Alexandria First Presbyterian Church

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Dear Alexandria First Presbyterian Church Members and Friends,

Last fall a group of your AFPC peers were commissioned by Session to form a Visioning Team to focus on our church and its service in the coming years, and as of June 2015 the Team completed its charge. This could not have happened without your help, and we'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks for your support.

From weekly team meetings to church-wide surveys, the hopes and concerns for AFPC's future were shared. Culminating with an after-service event full of interested adults and children, the Team chiseled down more than 175 ideas for the physical and spiritual upkeep of our church and its family. That AFPC is an inviting church and seeks to stay vital in our community are themes that showed up time and again.

Throughout the church year Team updates were presented through Minutes for Mission and "*Branches*;" today you are receiving this letter as the Team's final one. The following vision statement is what emerged as the vision that God is calling our church to live out as the body of Christ. And subsequently, the three categories below represent how we will fulfill that vision. Each category details the individual goals and themes that our church hopes to accomplish as we strive to be the people of God.

*Vision Statement: Responding to God's love, we are called to be an active and vital church of Jesus Christ. This vitality is accomplished through our worship, fellowship, ministries and mission. Together as a family of faith we strive for participation from every member so that we can joyfully worship, prayerfully seek and gratefully share as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.*¹

Mission: (These recommendations would require involvement from the AFPC community):

- Be active in nurturing the community
- Be more connected to local help organizations
- Address assistance to senior AFPC members and help with transportation
- Promote local youth and adult missions beyond our church borders

Program: (These recommendations would require involvement from the AFPC community):

- Fellowship, of various kinds
- 100% congregational involvement
- Monthly adult/youth combined work projects around our church
- Outreach to members – For members – By members
- Adult/Senior activities

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Adapted from Alexandria First Presbyterian's Mission and Vision Statement

Capital: (These recommendations would require funding by a Capital Campaign and further approval by Session):

- Youth Room renovation
- Improve/pave parking lot
- Interior elevator
- Sanctuary updates/improvements

This vision and the accompanying recommendations will only be made possible with your help, as we together strive to be an active and vital church of Jesus Christ!

For even more information, please visit www.alexpres.org where you'll find the Visioning Team's full document as presented to Session. On September 13th there will be an informational meeting following worship where you can hear more about this exciting vision and have an opportunity to ask questions.

Your friends in Christ,

The AFPC Visioning Team: James Bush, James Hansen, Lainey Johns, LuAnn Keefe, Flora Nielsen, Craig Norgard, Cathy Torrey and Nick Hatch (ex-officio)