

## **Report for Forward Planning Committee – June 2005**

In June 2002 the Forward Planning Committee released a report that was a collection of views and suggestions solicited from the congregation, the Pastors, and from community leaders. The overall theme of the report was “Growth.” The report articulated growth in a number of areas of ministry. It also identified goals along with suggestions of specific tasks or projects that would move Holy Trinity Lutheran Church toward these goals. A copy of the full report can be found on the Holy Trinity website under the General Documents and Forms [http://www.htlcankeny.org/about\\_us/about\\_us\\_general\\_docs.htm](http://www.htlcankeny.org/about_us/about_us_general_docs.htm).

It is time to evaluate our progress and update our plan to challenge us to continue our ministry in our community and throughout the world.

Some members from the previous Forward Planning Committee have agreed to work with the Pastors and the Council to recruit a new committee and provide a transition as the new committee formulates a method to solicit input and then to present a plan to guide us into the future.

The Council has set a milestone for a preliminary report by the annual meeting in January 2006 and a target for a final report in June 2006. These members have already said “yes” to the call to begin the process: Aron Fleischmann, Mif Groteness, Trent Leopold, Deanna Questad, Scott Rohlfing, and Beth Walling.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Site Exploration Ministry Team**

*A sub-committee of Forward Planning*

Council has formed a ministry team to explore the findings that Pastor Dean has encouraged us to explore, and the 2002 Forward Planning Document has given, as a potential way we might look for future growth. The ministry team is made up of Dennis Ausenhus, Linda Kayser, Rich Kruse, Mary Loven, Chet Mower, and Mike Sharp. We have had several meetings to understand the insights from Pastor Dean’s sabbatical and some of the pros and cons from material gathered from various sources and from the visits that he was able to make. We want to stress that this is exploratory and we are taking many factors into account in this study. We are seeking to ask all the questions and understand the dynamics of those congregations that have multi-sites. We are studying the demographics of our area and asking the questions about our mission present and future and about providing effective ministry. We will work with the Forward Planning and the council and give a report at the annual meeting.

### **Recommendation to give training to a Seminary Intern for the 2005-2006 school year**

The student is from the local area. She is a second career student who senses a Call to Hospital Chaplaincy. She has a ½ Internship position with Hospice of Iowa, and the seminary has contacted us to provide the other half. The normal stipend is not applicable since she has housing and insurance already. What this means is that the monthly stipend is only @ \$500, office space, supervision, an Internship support committee and a one time \$500 application fee. Council felt that this would be an excellent opportunity to help train future Chaplain in one of our strengths—Health Ministry. They unanimously voted to recommend this. There is money in this year’s budget because of not having a janitor and of Kristin taking 6 weeks off without pay. We would need to put it in next year’s budget.