

Vision Goals for the Coming Years
University Lutheran Church of Hope—Vision and Governance Board
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Igniting Our Life Together

1. Connecting with the University and the Community

Goal: Engage the surrounding neighborhoods. Make our walls “porous”.

This includes building relationships with community organizations such as neighborhood associations, PEASE, or the Dinkytown Business Alliance; advocating for justice and exploring service needs in the neighborhood such as a food shelf or recovery groups; and improving signage, outdoor lighting, and our communication strategy and forms.

Goal: Make ULCH a place where Lutheran Campus Ministry happens.

This includes increasing our visibility specifically with students, re-visioning our partnership with LCM (Lutheran Campus Ministry), and working on collaborative programming with other religious communities.

2. Igniting Worship, Deepening Spirituality

Goal: Work to create more varied and participatory worship experiences, while honoring our liturgical Lutheran tradition.

This could include alternate worship times, places and formats, as well as greater creativity through drama or various forms of artistic expression.

Goal: Encourage greater participation in and offer more opportunities to learn, discuss, connect, share, explore, study the Bible, and express our faith together.

This might include expanding some small group encounters to ensure a deep and rich experience for all participants.

3. Revitalizing our Ministry with Youth and Children

Goal: Explore where we can go with this ministry and how it can be staffed.

This would likely involve the assistance of an organization such as *InterServe Ministries*. We need to explore questions such as: How do we be a church that makes room for kids and youth in worship and in the life of the community? What do we do about youth who are just not interested? How does outreach extend to youth? How do we staff for ministry with youth and children?