

Visioning Process

- **Approval by Board to select a visioning Team**
- **6 members of the team**
 - 2 traditional: Diane Cooper, Brenda Kloostra
 - 2 newer: Ann Douglas; Neil Hannam
 - 1 board: Paula Pryke
 - Minister: Lyle Horn
- **meetings: May through October**
- **Presentation at the October board meeting**
- **4 board meetings**
- **Presentation at the AGM**

Purpose of a Vision

- **Helps to keep a focus in tough times**
- **Focus is on where we are going, what we are becoming, not simply where we are**
- **Focus on the positive, creates energy and hope**
- **Focus on the difference we can make in tough times, not on what we can't do**
- **Being in a position to do something helps us to realize what we have**
- **Stresses the power of the community of faith and how working together especially in tough times makes a difference.**
- **Increase community involvement & visibility**

Purpose of a Vision: Continued

- **Affirms our faith in God by showing us what God is calling us to do**
- **Affirms the Church as the vehicle of God's care and outreach to others**
- **Affirms God has a plan for us**
- **Stirs the compassion within ourselves for others**
- **Enables us to express compassion in a tangible way**
- **Gets the focus away from ourselves and places our focus on God and others**

Vision

Making a Difference for Christ: Near and Far

“I Pray that God will fill your heart with dreams and the faith to give you courage to dare to do great things”

Making a Difference for Christ: Near

- **Within Grace Church**
 - Expanding current ministries
 - In our Sunday School
 - In Worship
- **In our Community**
 - Expand Ministry of Compassion
 - Practical community support program

Making a Difference for Christ: Far

- **Strengthening awareness of the Mission and Service work globally**
- **Participation directly in mission work in different places (Honduras) in a tangible way**

Purpose of the Face to Face

- Celebrate the positive and successful ministries of Grace
- Integration of membership (meet people we do not know – give us a greater sense of family)
- Teaching opportunity
- Cast the vision
- Respond to concerns
- Outline the benefits of participation
- Receive feedback from a greater percentage of the congregation
- Affirm what can be accomplished by Grace family

Timeline

- **March 1st** **AGM presentation and casting approval**
- **April 21-May 8th** **Face to Face meetings**
- **May 25-29th** **Distribution of Vision response cards to members**
- **June 1-12th** **Collection of Vision response cards from members**
- **June 15-19th** **Evaluation of Response**
- **June 21st** **Presentation of Vision response cards results in worship**
- **July 1st** **Making a Difference for Christ: Near & Far begins**

Participation Patterns

- **Maintain the Momentum** **70**
- **Making a Difference for Christ:
Near and Far** **130-150**