

THE ANN ARBOR DISTRICT  
OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2012  
THE HIGH FIVE PLUS FIVE PROJECT

So as we might remain faithful to our calling to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, let we who are called the Ann Arbor District begin:

With God's guidance:

1. To continue to create a climate of Growth, both numerical and spiritual
2. Through worship, church programming, Christian Education, and the Holy Spirit...  
Encourage and enable others to seek the will of God
3. To enhance and broaden our outreach ministries for the transformation of our community and with God's help, the world.

Our goals are clear; our evangelism and stewardship ministries are faithful and productive. But we realize that there is ALWAYS room for new ideas, retooling, and being open to the spirit. We also realize that, "If you continue to do what you have always done, then you should expect to achieve what you have always achieved." To this end...

The HIGH FIVE PLUS FIVE PROJECT will, once again, help us to reevaluate our past efforts and plant new seeds for our future. Some examples of this would be:

1. Expanding your Evangelism, Stewardship/Fundraising, Worship experiences and Christian Education programming. Being open to the Spirit's guiding presence.
2. Enhancing your follow-up on visitors and inactive members. Tracking attendance.
3. Making your church building and its resources user friendly. (Signage, Handicap Access. outside events, and all publications.)
4. Conduct throughout the year, community mailings, advertisements, and be visible at community events (Parades, street fairs, and ecumenical events)
5. To pray for, to preach about and educate the Congregation on how to be an inviting and more importantly welcoming community of faith.

Our message needs to be clear to those who call a United Methodist Church home:

"Share your faith, share your church. Invite someone along on the journey of faith"

Invite they will come, welcome, they will stay  
Share the gospel and they will know  
Pray and we will grow, God will show the way.