

MPT 2.0 Update to Council

November 14, 2017

Team Objective

Continue to Implement the Messiah Mission Portfolio.

Goal

Provide the congregation with a foundation of common practices and understandings in order to carry out our stated vision and mission.

First Half 2018 – Three Steps Forward

1. On the five Sundays of Epiphany, January 14 through February 11:

Focus each Sunday worship service and adult forum on one of the 5 practices from the book *Slow Kingdom Coming: Practices for Doing Justice, Loving Mercy, and Walking Humbly in the Word*.

The practices are Attention, Confession, Respect, Partnering, and Truth.

In worship, this would include congregation discussion after the sermon.

ASK: The Church Council and MPT members would be facilitators in small groups during the discussion period in worship. Small group feedback would be facilitated at end of discussion period.

2. On Lenten Wednesdays and Sundays:

Focus will be a deep dive into Micah 6:8 through preaching and bible study, both on Wednesday evenings and Sunday morning sermons.

The deep dive will be paired with specific questions on how our Vision and Mission does, or does not, reflect the biblical text.

3. Easter

Focus on how Messiah, as a congregation and as individual members, both lives and might live out Micah 6:8. Bring this focus into FaithWalk groups (vocation) and our overall small group ministry.

How is our faith active in living out Micah 6:8? How might it be? A verb verse! An action verse!

What practical direction might our Vision and Mission take?

Reflect and review over summer 2018 and present concrete actions to congregation in the fall for ownership and action.