

Below you will find an approach to plan and accomplish the prep work. We find if a plan is not made with details and peoples name, then it becomes over whelming and much is not accomplished. Thus the team is not fully prepared and ready to make a Next-Step NOW!

JANUARY 2015

- Pray.
- Make available copies of “Take the Next Step” by Lovett Weems to each person on the congregational leadership team. Begin reading (#1). Complete and ready for a discussion by mid-FEBRUARY
- Encourage individuals to complete personally the Myers Briggs (#6), the spiritual gifts assessment (#5), the focus on differentiated leadership (#7), and the Lewis Leadership article (#3). Plot this by person and record their MBTI and Gifts.
- Ask the financial secretary or a designated person to assess the pledges and giving (#3).
- Invite two persons, who are interested and/or knowledgeable about congregational history. Embark on the process of crafting a creation/founding story and photographing the church facility and surrounding community (#4).
- Pray.
- Meet as a leadership team and discuss the findings from individuals, the insights from the financial assessment, and receive an update on the progress with congregational history. This will, also, enable the group to connect with one another for the Next Step journey. NLT JANUARY 31.
- * Complete the People Plot Excel spreadsheet and send to Rev. Jim Goddard @ jimgoddard1954@gmail.com

FEBRUARY

- Study the QuickInsite Report and the Impressions Report (#8 and #9). Make observations. Complete the QuickInsite Discovery Worksheet (#8) and answer the questions about the Impression Report (#9).
- * Read and study pages 20-22 - WHAT CAN ONE DO?? Have a group discussion about what you are going to do???
- Write a creation/founding story, being mindful of how the Biblical narrative might relate and reflect within it (#4).
- Photograph church facility and surrounding community, if this hasn't already been done (#4).
- Develop a presentation for the congregational history (video, display board, hand out, etc.) (#4) and share with the congregation.
- Pray.
- Meet as a leadership team to check-in generally, to go over the creation/founding story, and to discuss Take the Next Step and identify 8-10 key points (answer questions) for you in ministry now (#1).

MARCH

- Continue the efforts to complete the preparation work.
- As needed, further discuss Take the Next Step
- * Read "The Externally Focused Church" by Rick Rusaw and Eric Swanson and to identify 8-10 key points for you in ministry now (#2).

- Meet as a leadership team to check-in and to finalize the work.
- Pray.
- Collect requested information and attend the Next Step workshop retreat (Date TBD).

Please plan and set the date so we can put dates to this and help the leaders plan and allocate resources. Also, let us plan on having a face time with the group as well about half way toward to workshop date so we can help and answer questions and encourage.