



UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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GENERAL VISIONS

United Evangelical Church should:

1. Be the Body of Christ in Canton.
2. Preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
3. Rightly administer the Sacraments and Rites of the Church.
4. Spread God's Love to all people.
5. Offer Opportunities to Worship and Serve God.
6. Remain a viable, active part of the United Church of Christ.
7. Provide opportunities for Christian Education.

SPECIFIC VISIONS

Internal

United Evangelical Church should:

1. Be a church that through Spiritual awakening seeks to follow God and His will.
2. Following God's will, plan programming around what people need and not an already established menu of programs.
3. Expand fellowship opportunities in such areas as Young Adult Groups, New Young Women's Group (age 18-45) and a Men's Group.
4. Become less dependant on fund raising and more dependant on envelope contributions through increased tithing and stewardship programs.
5. Intentionally minister to inactive members.
6. Become involved in Association and Conference issues and the lives of our sister U.C.C. Churches.
7. Strengthen and revitalize the Church School.

SPECIFIC VISIONS

External

United Evangelical Church should:

1. Reach out to all residents of our community.
2. Become involved in Community advocacy issues.
3. Continue its committment to feed the poor and hungry.
4. Establish a Discretionary Fund for the needs of the poor beyond food (i.e. clothing, medical care, etc.)
5. Use the U.C.C. name in all our outreach materials.

The Pastor's role in this vision is:

1. To rightly administer the Sacraments and rites of the church.
2. To lead the congregation in public worship.
3. To train and teach the laity to witness to their faith.
4. To train and teach the laity for visitation.
5. To make pastoral visits.
6. To interpret God's will for the parish.
7. To preach the Gospel.
8. To provide Crisis Counseling and intervention.
9. To be an example of Christian living in all areas of life.
10. To equip the Saints for Ministry.