

**Council Retreat**  
**LEADERSHIP AND VISION**  
**March 27, 2004**

**Prayer**

**Purpose**

Retreat? What is it about?

- withdrawal, esp. from what is difficult

**Ephesians 6:10-13**

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

- a place of privacy or safety: REFUGE

- a period of group withdrawal for prayer, meditation, study and instruction under a director

**LEADERSHIP**

**John 13:2b, 4-5, 12-17**

And during supper Jesus, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.

<sup>12</sup>After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

If you know the things that Jesus has done for you, you are blessed if you do them in return.

## **TO WHERE ARE WE LEADING? VISION**

“People or organizations that accomplish great things always have a good understanding of their mission and their vision.”

### **United Evangelical Church**

#### **OUR MISSION**

**We seek to continue Jesus' mission**

**Of reaching out Embracing everyone Enriching all**

**Becoming living examples Bonding all with the love of God**

The difference between **mission** and **vision**

**Mission** answers the “Why?” of the endeavor. “Why do we exist? Why are we in business? Etc.” Mission is general, broad and need not be specific to one organization.

**Vision** answers the “What?” It is the target, the image or picture of a desired future. While mission is general, vision is specific and unique to a particular organization at a particular moment in history.

- Mission is direction and vision is results.
- Mission relies on the past and moves to the present. Vision, on the other hand, begins with the present and moves to the future.

#### **Last year's vision**

Where are results?

#### **Honing our vision**

Where do we still need results?

Saturday Service

Communication

Increased advertising

Website – what do you want people to know about your church?

#### **A mission statement for the council?**

#### **Lunch**

#### **A Safe Place For All – a vision**