

MAP Venues

<p>LOVE VENUE <i>Incarnational connection through community outreach</i> Co-lead(s): Florence Emerole, Ruthann Phillips, Patricia Austin, Roy Ramkissoon (Elder: Browne)</p>	<p>HOPE VENUE <i>Inclusive gatherings paired within an inspirational Sunday service.</i> Co-lead(s): Ruthann Phillips, Nancy Patilano, (Elders: Browne and Hills)</p>	<p>FAITH VENUE <i>Intentional discipleship through small groups and other focused groups.</i> Co-lead(s): Ruthann Phillips, Florence Emerole, Patricia Austin (Elders: Browne and Hills)</p>
<p>Love: engage community with tangible acts reflect the love of God involving well-developed & balanced venues for deeper relationship with Christ and one-another.</p> <p><i>“If our church did not exist, our community would miss us.”</i></p>	<p>Hope: inspire and bring hope to the congregation on Sunday morning, clearly reflecting purpose for when and why we meet – to commune with Jesus.</p> <p><i>“A sense of anticipation and expectancy surrounds our worship services.”</i></p>	<p>Faith: the calling on the ministry to create spaces where disciple-making and spiritual growth can be nurtured.</p> <p><i>“Discover God Daily”</i></p>
<p>1. Serving/loving the community with a purpose. Plan outreach events with an intentional connection back to the life of the church. [Austin, Emerole, Phillips]</p> <p>Early 2020/Quarterly-“Open House” Dates [Start Jan] Lent outreach-community spiritual formation [March] Prayer Breakfast-[April] Back to School-[September] Christmas Family Day-[December]</p> <p>2. Identify a target community and focus your outreach to groups within the community. Match the gifts/resources of the congregation with the context/needs of the community.</p> <p><i>Exegete community using Rapid Community Assessment and ReFocus (Start Jan 2020) (Ramkissoon)</i> <i>Identify key leaders, businesses, residents</i> <i>Identify life-transition ministries for community</i></p> <p>Reach out to relevant community organizes including churches, schools, law enforcement, political leaders, non-profits; establish partnerships River Fund, Men’s Shelter (Emerole, Phillips)</p> <p>3. Align vision and church programming. Reflect, do our church events reflect our values and advance our shared vision? (Austin, ongoing) <i>We have been working primarily with a focus on young families to match our gifting and aligning and programming accordingly.</i></p> <p>4. Summer Camp- Begin planning for urban summer camp for 2021</p>	<p>1-2. Inspirational/relevant preaching and worship: (Emphasis on incarnational grace) Development of speakers/worship leaders <i>Monthly planning meetings</i> <i>Maintain worship discipline</i> <i>Identify primary worship leader</i> <i>Set dates for quarterly training.</i> <i>...Pastor sets tone during week for Sunday (Jan)</i></p> <p>3. Intentionally welcoming: well-coordinated ministries and programs with clear next steps to discipleship. (Phillips) <i>-Development of Greeters (January)</i> <i>-Pathway for new member assimilation/retention (Spring 2020)</i> <i>-Create list of potential ministries and roles and present to members and community (Job Fair-Feb. 2020)</i></p> <p>5. Other 2020 Objectives <i>- Thorough analysis of facility upgrades/modifications (especially for Sunday School) (Winter 2020)</i> <i>- Scout for possible relocation, set minimum requirements (start Spring 2020)</i> <i>- Consider weekly communion</i> <i>- Revamped website: gcinc.org (done) w/online services/messages (Feb.)</i> <i>- Recruit musicians and tech support from comm.</i></p>	<p>1. A space for relationship building and spiritual growth.* (This will need to be the NLIC backbone.)</p> <p>2. Enhance culture of prayer-organize prayer time before services and during week (started Jan. 2020)</p> <p>3. Smaller gatherings where bonding can occur and life on life discipleship happens. <i>[1-2] Create programming on worship day to enhance this value (Now).*A persistent issue in this MAP is a difficulty in meeting outside of the worship day and challenges in consistency of attendance.</i> <i>- Use website, social media (started Jan.)</i> <i>- Train (min. 3) small group leaders</i> <i>- We Believe curriculum (ongoing)</i> <i>- FaithTalk small group curriculum (TBD)</i></p> <p>4. Leadership Development process (“missional community” of leaders (Pastor) <i>- 5 voices/CORE training (begun Aug. 2019)</i> <i>- Next phase of training for Lent 2020</i> <i>- Weekly leadership interaction (begun Jan)</i></p> <p>5. Support ongoing Women’s Ministry (Austin)</p> <p>6. Disciplemaking Pathway- (by Easter) formal (congregational) (Pastor, elders, Emerole, Phillips)</p> <p>7. Family based Youth Ministry – Planning in conjunction with Youth Ministry [Dates: by Easter] (Emerole, Phillips)</p>