



The United Methodist Church

## Vital Congregation Goals Charge Conference Report

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**Charge: Ghent Charge**

**Church: Ghent UMC**

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Vital Congregations are ministries that recognize a clear calling from God and develop plans and ministries to achieve God's purposes for their congregation. The process for becoming a Vital Congregation when used and evaluated consistently over several years will help a congregation become vital or become more vital. Part of this process is setting goals.

- 1) Disciples in worship (worship attendance)
- 2) Disciples making new disciples (number of professions of faith)
- 3) Disciples growing in their faith (number of small groups)
- 4) Disciples engage in mission (number of disciples doing outreach in the community and the world)
- 5) Disciples sharing their resources for mission (amount of money given to mission).

What plan of action has your congregation taken towards achieving your goals?

Response

1. Goal of 40 in 10am worship and a goal of 35 in Messy Church -focus on guest retention.
2. Goal of 5 professions of faith -engaging our community in relationship through events such as Stockley Gardens Art Fest. Book Sale, Community Carnival, Messy Church, other connecting small social events, etc.
3. Continue to grow more small groups, including starting a youth group.
4. 50% of average worship attendance engaged in mission -provide risk-taking mission opportunities in areas of children, poverty, and environment. -work toward creating a mission that our church is known for in the community which serves the community we live in.
5. We are heavily involved in mission work and giving (especially for a church our size). We hope to stay at the same level of giving expecting that newer attendees giving will be an element of their discipleship which will come later in their journey with us.