

Community Engagement

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Please list the members currently serving on your ministry or leadership team.

- ❖ Myself

Please list what the goals of your group or ministry were for 2017.

- ❖ The main goal for community engagement this year was bringing online our new website.

Were you able to achieve your goals for 2017? Please be as specific as possible of your successes and failures.

- ❖ The new website went live in spring 2017. It was a gargantuan effort that involved a lot of help from Teresa Warnick and Chris Baker Evens. Most especially, though, the church owes a huge debt of gratitude to Bula Bhullar and Kate Calligan of Giant Sky, which donated untold hours for this project.

Where is your group or ministry area stuck? What is your group or ministry area pondering?

- ❖ While Old First continues to attract visitors, the congregation is not growing at the rate we were during the Covenant Ministry period (2009-12). Worship attendance, in particular, seems stymied or slowly decreasing.

What do you hope to accomplish in the coming 2018 year

- ❖ At the start of 2018 we will work with the Admin team and the new church administrator to bring up a new church database system, Breeze.

What are the ways that the church can support your team?

- ❖ It behooves the congregation as a whole to take a hard look at the demographic changes in our area and in our society that are resulting in decreased commitment to church life. A congregation-wide exploration of these issues, led by the elders, would benefit us.