

# Healing In His Wings

## Discussion Summary

We asked those present to answer the question: When was a time you felt most proud to be a member of this church?

Habitat Houses

Work with Homeless people (X2)

Openness to community children

Welcome to all people

Choice to stay downtown

Living out "everyone welcome"

Sent 2 Serve days

24 Hour Famine

Discussion and Action around "Room At the Inn"

When children are excited about "what's next" for them in ministry

Emerge Symphony Orchestra

Back to School Bash

When Children come forward for children's church or to sing

Serving meals at Salvation Army

Genuine fellowship and welcome

Working together for a need

Teamwork / community

Support of ministries when asked

Welcoming spirit

When involved in helping people outside the church

When people of many generations are welcomed

When we musically praise God

When seen as a place of hope by poor and needy

When members are empowered to be who God desires them to be

Opening the MMC to homeless in freezing weather

Other churches attending our VBS

Founding of "Meals on Wheels"

Back to School Bash

Health Fairs

Missions to Haiti and after Katrina

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(Proud Moments, continued)

Amazing Involvement with Youth

Small groups that genuinely care for one another

Acceptance of differences

Inclusion (baptism of severely handicapped child)

Diversity of beliefs

Outreach (local and world)

Ecumenical spirit

Love and support during difficult times

Warm, welcoming, and friendly

Learning and growing together

Inclusive (Welcoming to all)

Taking Risks when planning for future

Doors always open

Response to needs of community

Very mission oriented

When we decided to stay downtown

VBS (family working together)

Being welcomed into church

Serving the homeless this winter

Opportunity to join a Wednesday Night Bible Study

Christmas Parade events (community singing and free cocoa)

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We asked each table to assemble a group of statements which everyone at their table could get behind. We then posted these lists and (as the full group) discussed which one the whole group would be able to support.

Everyone's voice needs to be heard and valued

We need to affirm and support God's calling in the lives of others

The church needs to set an example on how to lovingly disagree

Compassion

Respect

Acceptance

We should respond as loving, honest, and truthful disciples of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

We should seek to do as Jesus would do.

We should value unity in spite of our differences

We should commit ourselves to producing "good" spiritual fruit.

We should reaffirm publicly that our church is open to all and embraces everyone.

We need to develop a policy about lay people serving as church leaders, teachers, etc

We should remain unified as a local United Methodist Church.

We need more scriptural study on the issues and concerns surrounding this question

We need to remain open to all.

We need to speak and listen with love, openness, and honesty.

We need to seek inclusiveness, not just tolerance.

Affirm God's call for all people.

We need to seek peace and acceptance with the eventual outcome.

Truth + Grace =love.

Locally, we remain United Methodists, even in our disagreement

We need to become more scripturally literate.

We need to meet again to eat Adrianna's cooking