



# EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## EUCC Governing Body Meeting – September 21, 2007

<b>Location</b>	Eden Seminary
<b>Start time</b>	7:45am
<b>Attendees</b>	Nick Gilham (Financial) David Faulkner (Worship) Laura Evans (Servant) Sean Bryant (Servant) Patty Pelikan (Community) Bob Risk (Facilities) Laura Bardelmeier (People) Katy Hawker Wynn Miller David Greenhaw (Eden) Erik Soell

### Opening

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- § Quotes around the room:
    - *Only if we can restrain ourselves is good conversation possible. Good talk rises upon much discipline.*  
§ John Eiskine
    - *Relationships – not facts and planning – are the key to reality. By entering those relationships, knowledge of reality is unlocked.*  
§ Parker Palmer
    - *It's easier to love humanity as a whole than to love one's neighbor.*  
§ Eric Hoffer
    - *If you really keep the royal law found in scripture, 'Love your neighbor as yourself,' you are doing right.*  
§ James 2:8
  - § Coffee, fruit, juice, yogurt

### Table Talk

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- § Lots of good stories were shared about tables.
  - § David shared that the story of the prodigal son reveals that death to that son was not physical death, but not having a table to join; hence his father first sets a table for him.
  - § David also shared that the two sacraments we have are baptism (water) and communion (table).

### Planning

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The group started by capturing Wash Board items on flip chart paper, to help us keep focus on those current issues that we'll need to be aware of as we look to long-term planning. While there was a lot of healthy discussion, we have captured the major (and draft) goals here:

1. Enable everyone to know what's going on.
  - a. Further capitalize on existing pieces (make better use of bulletins, e-mails, etc.).
  - b. Learn to over-communicate.



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2. Develop tools for measuring areas of ministry.
  - a. Percentage of new visitors?
  - b. Percentage of members pledging?
3. Leverage website and technology.
  - a. Launch Drupal-enabled EUCC site, allowing many others ability to update Web site
4. Foster connections particularly between worshipping communities.
  - a. Song-service between services?
  - b. Combined service for bi-annual meetings?
5. Document protocols for needs and emergencies.

Other goals were suggested and hinted at, so these minutes do not reflect all of the goals discussed, but the major ones that generated the most discussion. Individual Circles will work on their goal development during the October 14 session at church (9:45-10:45am); additional information is attached with the minutes.

## Tabled Items

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These items were referenced, but not heavily discussed.

1. Capital campaign
2. Governing Body name (to possible Team Leaders Circle, TLC)
3. Calling the Circle book
4. Staff salaries
5. Annual Report format
6. Tax-free status

## Closing

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- § The next meeting is Wednesday, October 17, at 7pm.
- § The meeting was closed with a reading from the book **Credo**:
  - *Life, being what it is, if we don't make a difference by trying, we're making a difference by not trying.*