

Vision 2032 – CCMC Responses

Concerns

Have to do things in a new way

Clergy/laity who will not foster empowering laity

Position focused - take sides/silos

Maintaining focus on making/maturing disciples – do to dollars

Societal withdrawing from faith communities - from feeling need for spiritual base

Reluctance - inability to change

Impact on ministries:

- things lost in shuffle
- Lack of funds

Stretching folks fin

Loss of small churches

Property heavy

Future of staff

Acceptance of the reality

Loss of connectionalism

Not willing to listen to what people have to say

Excitements

New beginnings

New laity involvement in pulpit

Risks

Returning to small groups

Young clergy and young laity: energy, passion

Willingness to listen

Initiative to do ministry

Being involved in reshaping of conference, denomination

Willingness to have conversations around change

Get to do things in new ways

Empowering the laity

Return to Wesleyan roots: claim who we are

Potential for new relationships in Jesus' name

What could we do with a \$6 to \$8 million budget?

Being clear about our mission

Right-sized (property)

More nimble, adaptable because we will need to be

Shift from top down to bottom up

More collaboration

A desire for discipleship that supports growth, creativity, risks

Roles of laity/clergy becoming redefined

Empower/build confidence in/of local church

Give laity a voice

Do our ministry in new/different ways

Ripples:

- local church to larger relationship
 - local church – hub - region – conference - ?

Focus on relationships outside of local church walls

- How are we relating to greater community

More integrated with community and world

Bi-vocational pastors could re-ground the church

Support clergy or laity in new needs of local church

Education of what is outside the local church

Clusters/subdistricts

Do we need communications in office?

Engaging young clergy/laity to help move into new ways of function/efficiency

Keep appointment system - BOT could adapt how it functions

Rural vs urban

How we use camping program/youth program in new ways