

**REPORT TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL of
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SANTA ROSA
November 12,2016**

Name of Committee: Discipleship Team

Members of the Committee: The Becoming leaders of the Communities of Faith Janin Comisky, Charles Rhodes, Coral Saxe, Bill Stephens, Pamala Stephens, Norm Bryan, Cathie Bryan, Naomi Niimi, Cheryl Cummins, Jim Hurd, Shelly Thompson, Craig Thompson, Penny Hunt

Meetings are held? At the Montgomery Campus in conjunction with the quarterly Leadership Summits.

Purpose of the Committee: To support people's journey of faith, from Exploring-to-Beginning-to-Growing-to-Maturing, wherever they are on that journey. Develop tools that will support someone who has made a commitment to begin a journey of faith, or to continue on an existing journey.

The Committee relates to two areas of shift: A Life of Openness to Jesus, and A Life of Obeying Jesus

How does the purpose help fulfill the mission of FUMC?

It is part of the process of making disciples of Jesus Christ.

What are your activities/programs/accomplishments for the last year?

Have begun to offer studies within the Communities of Faith that help people along the path of discipleship such as Bible studies and small groups.

Also began studying and testing the concept of triads for spiritual growth.

What are your goals and plans for the next year?

We continue with the testing of triads and develop more tools for supporting people on their spiritual journey. Some ideas we have: Working with the pastors to develop an introductory curriculum for people based on Phil Maynard's book *Foundations*; Developing a team of "spiritual partners"; and studies of prayer.

What goals or benchmarks have you set to measure success/effectiveness?

Have gained experience and knowledge with four or more ongoing triads.

Have held one series of Foundations training.

Respectfully submitted,

Norm Bryan