

The Vision for Elon Community Church, UCC
Approved September 10, 2006

The Vision Statement: *Dedicated to spiritual renewal, we strive to be an accepting, thinking, and serving community of faith.*

Goal #1: To distinguish Elon Community Church, United Church of Christ as a center of community spiritual life.

1. By fall of 2006 have a plan for four (4) specific events, to be held by June 2007, that demonstrates to the community that ECCUCC is a center of spiritual life.
2. By fall of 2006 have a plan for a seminar/workshop on spiritual life, held by June 2007.

Goal #2: To pursue new and expanded models of Elon Community Church and Elon University collaboration.

1. By fall of 2006 institute a joint ECC-Elon University Council to plan and sponsor joint activities and projects (in areas of Study, Service, Worship) that would involve/promote Church and University collaboration.
2. By fall of 2006 formulate a joint Facilities Committee made up of representatives of the Boards of Trustees and Evangelism of ECC and of the Truitt Center for Spiritual and Religious Life to coordinate use of facilities.

Goal #3: To recruit accepting, thinking, creative personnel who will foster community relations and spiritual development.

1. By September 1, 2006 hire a Director of Spiritual Growth and Christian Education with the challenge to focus on spiritual growth of all ages.
2. By fall of 2006, hire a student ministerial intern to coordinate collaboration initiatives between the Church and University.

Goal #4: To market and promote our identity as a church

1. By fall of 2006 designate a publicity coordinator
2. Suggest avenues for publicity: (church website, *Times-News* church page, Elon University E-Net, *Pendulum*, School of Communications).
3. By fall of 2006 create an increased budget line item of advertisement and banners
4. By fall of 2006 place an eye-catching sign on the corner to publicize programs and special events

Goal #5: To determine a configuration of our facilities that will support our being a center for community spiritual life.

1. As part of routine maintenance, by January 1, 2007 renovate downstairs/office space to be more welcoming.
2. By fall of 2006 form a joint facilities planning committee of representatives from ECC Boards, community groups, and Elon University Truitt center for Spiritual and Religious Life to explore dreams for use of space and associated costs.
[Note: an elevator would be a part of this larger-scale project]
3. By January 1, 2007 form a committee to conduct a feasibility study with the assistance of the UCC Office of Church Building.