

Informal Analysis of Question #2: What do you see as the top three priorities/focus areas for CCC in the next 3-5 years?

The following **themes** were discussed in **4/4** of the groups as important theologically:

- **Outreach**

- Community outreach
- Reach out to all our neighbors
- Advertise CCC
- Inclusivity
- Growth in numbers
- Forever build church community specific outreach to community needs
- Outreach: Who we can be as people in ministry in Omaha. Putting our vision into action. Making the next step, outside ourselves.
- Growth of the ministry/church
- TV ministry attracted people in the community
- Growth is ultimately up to the congregation
- Increased larger community awareness – increased social media presence – QR code?
- This is a safe place – communicating outward
- Accessibility
- Minister have lunches/network with other faith leaders in the community
- Seeking to involve new people into the church

- **Internal Health of CCC**

- Remain congregationally driven
- Create a strategic plan
- Regeneration
- Stability – financial and leadership
- Nurturing small groups
- Continue the efforts on congregational discernment
- Programming that is innovative (innovative worship)
- Financial stability
- Rebuild community
- How do we avoid dilution?
- Focus on healing of individuals and the congregation
 - Lead for unity - deal with the trauma of our past
- Find the path – walk the walk – treat each other like we would like to be treated
- Need a strategic plan

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- ***Youth and Families***

- Family engagement
 - Children
 - Music
 - Work projects
- Strong mid-week programming
- Youth minister
- Work with the children on how to be resilient. The world is scary – greater focus on children and family ministry
- Programming for families and children
- Big active youth program
- Recruitment/attraction of younger individuals and families
- Focus on youth – rebuild youth programs
- Youth programs that are vibrant – bring them back

- ***Focus on Tri-Faith***

- Increase face-to-face with Tri-Faith
- Openness, Tri-Faith, Radical Welcoming of all
- The three faith communities should do some ministry together
- Live more fully into Tri-Faith
- Focus on the relationships between the congregations, not just the leaders.
- Got to Tri-Faith – now what?
- View the other congregations as resources
- Advocate for inclusivity withing the community
- Community with Tri-Faith partners
- Tri-Faith focus from the pulpit

- ***Creation Justice***

- Recycling seriously – sustainability
- Compassion/love/respect for our Earth
- Ecological justice
- Focus on creation justice attracts younger families
- The environment

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- ***New settled minister***

- Pastor that has experience in growing congregations
- Skilled in transitioning so we do not lose what we've already gained
- Will help us recognize and nurture our individual gifts and passions
- Will encourage volunteerism and engagement
- Understands CCC history and help grow the church
- Is a dynamic person of national leadership character [respected nationally]
- Someone who is a good preacher

The following **theme** was discussed in **2/4** of the groups as important:

- ***Racial/Social Justice***

- Greater participation in North/South Omaha
- Social/Racial justice

Other Comments mentioned one time only:

“Living transformative Christianity to help us transform us and the world”

“Potentially bring back Darkwood Brew”