

Church/City: Susanna Wesley UMC / Topeka
District: Topeka

2020 CC - VISION AND GOALS/OUTCOMES FOR 2021

Each congregation is asked to report progress on goals/outcomes in 2020 and plans for goals/outcomes in 2021.

You may use this form or another format to provide this information.

Check with your district office for special instructions.

For assistance with setting goals/outcomes, refer to the Vision and Goal Process or the Outcomes Process available at www.greatplainsumc.org/chargeconferenceresources.

Vision

Susanna Wesley United Methodist Church builds diverse Christian communities where God’s love is in action. Compare your 2019 end-of-year stats with your progress so far in 2020: Do these numbers indicate areas for improvement? What can you do to increase your vitality in these areas? Think about these questions in setting goals/outcomes and strategies.

Date Span	Date Span
1/1 – 12/31	1/1 – 10/18

2019	2020	Vital Signs
134	45	In-person worship attendance at all regularly held weekly services, including fresh expression participants
0	48	Online attendance at all regularly held weekly services streamed online
0	0	Total number of fresh expression ministries (not persons)
1	4	Total number of professions/reaffirmations of faith
8	6	Total number of small groups (not persons)
\$6,029.38	\$6,908.63	Total offering received weekly

We have room to improve with connecting people in small groups.

In what ways have you provided worship during this time?

We have provided worship in-person, pre-recorded online, and live-streamed. We have used Facebook and our website as streaming platforms to help connect people with a worship experience. To date, we have equal numbers of persons signing in online as attend in-person worship.

Are there ministries that have adapted or emerged during this time?

Yes. Our Early Learning center continued to offer daycare continued time as an essential service. We adapted events like our Vacation Bible Camp, Early Learning Graduation, and Blessing of the Animals to be Drive-Thru events. We have increased the utilization of Facebook groups to help children stay connected with faith formation content. We have used Zoom to help children, youth, and adults remain connected with one another. Our before and after school program launched a Learning Lab for the first quarter to partner with USD 437 to provide space for some of the district staff’s children during the Hybrid Phase of learning. We are continuing this partnership by using our church building to offer Indian Hills Elementary teachers and staff space to provide educational experiences while providing the appropriate physical distance for students and adults.

What ministries have particularly engaged your community?

In addition to our school district partnership, we continue our engagement with Topeka JUMP to take justice in our community.

Celebrate and Evaluate Goals/Outcomes for 2020: List goals/outcomes, and describe their status (e.g., already accomplished, making progress, needing revision) with details about what you have done and still have to do.

- **Children and Adults** – By April 1, 2020, we will develop and launch a plan to connect children and adult programs to increase family participation in Christian formation groups.
 - **In Progress** – Our leaders have intentionally coordinated the scheduling of opportunities for children and adults. For example, we scheduled SW Kids Wednesdays and Financial Peace University so that adults and children have discipleship opportunities at the same time.
- **Inclusion** – By May 1, 2020, we will implement a series of educational and engagement activities to inform the congregation regarding LGBTQ issues and proposals coming before the UMC at the 2020 General Conference so that we can clarify the congregation's position and values regarding inclusion.
 - **Postponed** – Postponed due to General Conference's postponement until August 29 to September 7, 2021.
- **Reconnect** – By August 1, 2020, we will develop and launch a plan to reconnect people who have stopped attending worship so that we continue to build a diverse community of faith.
 - **Completed** – Staff have designed and implemented a follow-up plan for persons who have missed worship for 1, 3, 6, and 9 months.
- **Young Families** – By December 31, 2020, we will develop and launch a data-based recruitment and retention plan for millennial households within our area of influence so that we continue to build a diverse community of faith.
 - **In Progress** – On hold with the shift to online worship in the spring. However, we have been able to pivot to serve young families by expanding childcare offerings through our Early Learning Center and school-age families with our Learning Lab.
- **Mission Shares** – By December 31, 2020, we will make a plan to contribute 100% of our Mission Shares and Mission Agency Support to the Annual Conference within three years so that we can help make ministry happen around the world.
 - **In Progress** – We are making plans to contribute 100% of our Mission Shares and Mission Agency Support to the Annual Conference in 2021.

Set Goals/Outcomes and Strategies for 2021: List goals/outcomes with action steps for making them happen.

Note: Goals/outcomes may be continued from the current year to the next year if not yet complete.

- **Hybrid Ministry** – By March 1, 2021, we will develop and launch a plan to connect children and adults to online and in-person ministry opportunities to continue to invite new people to worship, study, serve, give, and share.
- **Neighboring** – By May 1, 2021, we will create a plan to learn about and intentionally engage the neighborhood around our church building to out God's love in action and create a healthier community.
- **New Places for New People** – By December 31, 2021, we will develop and launch at least three new small group experiences to create new places for new people to connect in a Christian community.
- **Young Families** – By December 31, 2021, we will develop and launch a data-based recruitment and retention plan for millennial households within our area of influence so that we continue to build diverse Christian communities.

Receive Vitality Training. List/describe ways in which your congregation is receiving training (local, district, conference, or other workshops, etc.). Examples include District Leadership Event, Fresh Expressions (vision day, roundtable), Leadership Institute at UM Church of the Resurrection, and Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts.

- Our congregation has participated in the Topeka District Leadership Event, Leadership Institute at Church of the Resurrection, and started the Small Church Cohort for children and youth ministry offered through the annual conference.