

## Minutes of the Meeting

### Audrey Elling, Facilitator

Following the prayer and potluck meal at 6:00 PM, Audrey welcomed those attending and opened the meeting.

### Introductions

Each attendee was asked to introduce their self, tell how long they have been here, and what they do at St. Luke's.

### Spiritual Types and Assessment

Brad Laurvick then led a discussion of the Spirituality Wheel, telling us that the spirituality types of the congregation define the personality of the church.

The wheel is divided into four quadrants, each representing one type of experiencing and knowing God. The quadrants are named "Head," "Heart," "Mystic" and "Kingdom".

The quadrants are separated with a vertical and a horizontal line that divide the circle into halves. The vertical line represents the continuum of how a person goes about conceptualizing God, from God as mystery (Transcendence) to God as revealed (Immanence). The horizontal line represents the continuum of how we come to know God, from using our intellect and cognitive abilities (Thinking) to an affect way of knowing through feeling God's presence in our hearts (Feeling).

The four pie-shaped Spirituality quadrants represent the forms of experiencing and knowing God.

1. Head spirituality – favoring a God that is experienced by ritual, engaged learning, tradition and history, "God watches over me"
2. Heart, spirituality – experiences the constant presence of God by witnessing, spontaneity in worship, engaged emotion, experiencing a sense of partnership with God, "God is with me"
3. Mystic spirituality, the transcendent way of knowing God, through silence, openness, meditation, engaged prayer, meaning is in layers, "God is in me"
4. Kingdom, spirituality asks the question, "why are we sitting here?" engaged in action, making history, changing the world, "We are God's hands"

Brad then added, that the space between these quadrants of spirituality types represents an invitation to an individual to explore the differences the sense of his or her spiritual life and worship. The opposite quadrant offers a place of new learning. He asked those present to reflect upon what these differences mean personally and corporately? Where are we as a community? What is our uniqueness?

Janet Forbes then led a group exercise. Anyone who had not completed the Spirituality Wheel assessment was asked to do so and then mark the wheel to determine primary and secondary spirituality styles.

Signs had been placed on the walls of the room representing the quadrants on the wheel. Participants were then asked to move to that part of the room that matches where they are on the spirituality wheel.

"Go to the corners of your top strength," Janet directed, and people moved to the corner that matched their assessment result.

"Heart" had the most people and it reflects the St. Luke's congregational strength. Janet noted that our use of music reflects this

"Now, go to the quadrant that matches your second strength," she directed. "Head" and "Kingdom" are evenly split

### **Gathering and Learning from the Community**

"Now," Janet asked, "what does this say about our worship services?"

She asked for individual comments.

One person responded by talking of helping with conducting a silent, spiritual service at St. Andrews and had found it a little uncomfortable at first but had then found it quite meaningful. It was a profound learning experience for her.

Brad added that one of the mystic experience opportunities at St. Luke's is the Wednesday morning communion. "A few come regularly and find it meaningful."

"I'm sure what the interval between spokes should be," continued Brad, "but the mix is important, important enough that we need to be exposed to a variety of experiences with God as we grow in faith.

Other comments were offered about the January 24 worship service. One participant said, "I liked the sermons, I really enjoyed the service and felt relaxed afterward. It was like "Plucking the strings of a heavenly harp."

Another participant said, "I'm a Kingdom type but really liked the mystic characteristics." Another responded, "I liked the service Sunday but wouldn't want it on a regular basis. I'm looking for the teacher to explain things to me."

Janet thanked the responders and said "We will be getting more congregational feedback in the future.

**The Team Leaders then shared their Styles and Shared Planning/Events.**

Janet said, "I'm "head" and started with the text for last Sunday's service."  
She continued, "Brad is "heart," and he starts with the human condition."  
Janet then made the point, "Most productive teams are diverse teams, we are diverse and because of this we are productive. We will plan out of this diversity."

She then asked the participants to offer information on who we are and how we are connected.

What is your #1 spirituality style?

Lynda Drake – Bread Team – style is Balanced and Head

Harve Tripple – Finance – Style is Mystic,

Karin Wesson — Lay leadership, leadership training, and value-based decision-making. – Style is Kingdom

Ken Fong – Trustees, repairs, building improvements, working with scouts. Style is Head.

Dave Cupp – Fund rising, budgeting, monitoring expenses, stewardship team, planned giving program. Style is Head.

Jeff Suntken – Missions, looking at lots of opportunities, family mission rip to UMCOR in Utah, Kingdom Sunday: Love, Inc. will challenge us to join. Style is Kingdom

Joely Maddux - Children's Ministry. Style is Kingdom and Heart

**Feedback on new Bulletin format**

Ken Fong, then discussed the new bulletin format. The outside pages contain important unchanging information, the inside sheets list periodic activities. There is no printed order of worship. The order is given on the overhead screen. We will be switching to one 8 1/2 x 11 sheet; the format is still changing as we learn. We are trying to be more "green," but have had mixed responses.

He then asked, "What do you like about the latest bulletin format?"

One participant said that she had liked it until she ushered. Then she had to deal with a lot of questions such as, "Where is..." and lots of questions from congregation.

Another participant noted that she missed having the Call to Worship printed in the bulletin. Another commented that she likes to have a printed guide since she is not able to see well.

There was considerable negative feedback about the lack of a printed order, so the Order of Worship will be added back in.

We will, however, move toward a more "green" bulletin.

**Update on the new Kings puppets**

Ken Fong reported that the new Epiphany Kings are coming in the next few months. Each will have a full-body puppet costume, More updates will come in the future.

**Review of the New Church Calendar**

Ken Fong then reviewed action taken following a concern expressed at the last Table meeting about meeting times, location and space availability.

He then displayed the new church web site link, "Events Detail," that now shows everything that goes on inside the St. Luke's building.

This is a more complete calendar than we have had online before and displays every room used by every group each day. The Events Detail is "Read Only" and those looking for space must still see Bonnie Funk to get a room reserved.

Janet then concluded the meeting by saying that meeting evaluations will be requested, "please give us your feedback."

**The meeting was then adjourned for Informal Conversations with Staff and Leadership.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Les Ludlam, Common Table Secretary