

Forest Hills Presbyterian Church Martinsville, Virginia

Vision Focus Areas – 2013-2014

Approved by the Session [8/18/13]

The Session of FHPC has recently identified four “focus areas” for the congregation to emphasize over the next year to specifically help us accomplish our mission “to glorify God and enrich lives through Christ-centered worship, discipleship and service.”

These four areas are intended to help us focus our efforts as the body of Christ, to serve as the guide for the work of our ministries, and to help us gage our priorities. We should begin asking questions like, “How does this particular program or initiative fit in with these four focus areas?” every time we plan an event or think about our work and ministry together.

In addition to these four focus areas, the Session wished to emphasize the importance of communication – whenever we are working on something let's be sure to let others know about, both church members and others in our community!

1) Getting Outside the Church Building – The church is more than our building. It is even more than the people. The church is mission. We are committed to doing things – events, programs, and initiatives – as the church in our community and not just inside our building (although we will continue to use our building as well)!

2) Involvement – Involvement means sharing all that God has entrusted us with - our gifts, our time, and our money. Involvement also includes partnerships and collaboration with other churches and with other ministries. We are committed to increasing involvement and having each and every person connected to our congregation feel passionate about the life and work that God is doing through us!

3) The 26/50 – 26% of households in our zip code have no faith involvement. 50% of households with children are single parent households. We are committed to working in new, creative and probably challenging ways to reach the 26/50!

4) Sustainability – The economic climate in our region is not what it used to be. This decline has affected our church and will continue to affect us in the future. We need to work together to get better at prioritizing and becoming better stewards of our resources. We are committed to intentionally working to ensure our ministry and mission continues!