

2017 Leadership Development Class “Graduates” 18!



August 3 was the fifth and final meeting of the Leadership Development class. CONGRATULATIONS to (standing, left to right): Scott Zwick, Seong Lee, Bonnie Summers, Jill Colegrove, Rich Rohde, Alan Danforth, Jeri Glenn, Jackie Pope, Cindi Stewart, Gordon Kosch, Dianna McElfresh; (seated, left to right): Doug Kallesen, Lisa Weber, Miki Naylor, Cindy Rohde, Anne Kallesen; (not pictured): Sandy Fricke, Stephanie McLaughlin.

Over a ten-week period these committed class members:

- Read a 215-page book “Leadership Mosaic: 5 Leadership Principles for Ministry & Everyday Life” by Daniel Montgomery with Jared Kennedy, and discussed one chapter each class.
- Classes also included devotions and prayer, snacks, and special faith witnesses.
- Participated in the Leadership Compass group exercise and a personal Spiritual Gifts Assessment.
- Heard special information presentations on UMC Connectivity and Missions, History of Christianity and the UMC, Spread of Christianity in Korea, FUMC Organizational Chart, and Next Steps.
- Recognizing that leading as disciples is an ongoing process, the class reflected on their time, expressed the joys of serving, and indicated their hopes and plans for their personal next steps.

Here are sample reflections from class members:

- “Helping people is serving God, and that gives feelings of peace, gratitude, accomplishment, that the Holy Spirit is alive and well, connection to God and community, unity, difference-making, and fun. Seeing smiles on kids’ faces just feels good!”
- “Enjoyable, informative, self-reflection, growth, we bonded”.
- “I could feel the Holy Spirit at work through this class and in church”.
- “I loved learning that we are all so different, but we can all lead”.
- “I love small groups and have seen changes in people when they feel like they belong.”
- Eleven members specifically mentioned they hope to engage in more small group activity.
- Three members expressed interest in attending a 3-day Emmaus weekend (a spiritual retreat).

Please let us know if you would like to be in the next class!