



## Strategic Planning Process Update

### Where have we been?

The Strategic Planning Team was assembled last September to begin the work of *discernment* for the future of ministry at ALC. In February, we offered a number of small group **Listening Sessions** to find out what ALC's members love about our church, our mission and our life together in Christ. We also asked what could be better or different about that life together. During Lent, we held 2 large group sessions – an afternoon of **Historical Reflection** and an evening of **Congregational Norms**. As a result of these sessions and your participation, the planning team has started to identify themes that will lead us forward on the path of discipleship.

### Where are we today?

The work of *discernment* continues with **Community Conversations**. Throughout the summer, planning team members will be interviewing key community leaders to hear their thoughts on how ALC can help meet the myriad of needs in our community, especially as a downtown church. How do we show the love of Christ to our neighbor in a meaningful way? Are there ways we are already making an impact and how can we strengthen that? How can we be “big C” Church to the world right here at home?

Additionally, we will facilitate one last small group **Listening Session** on **June 13 at 7:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall. No sign up required.

### Where are we going?

*Discernment* has no time table, nor is it likely to result in a bulleted list of “to do” items for a specified period of years. We only know one thing...in all that we seek to do, inside our “small c” church walls and, more importantly, outside those walls as “big C” Church, we will ask ourselves this one question: “Is what we are doing making disciples of Christ?” We encourage you to pose the same question to yourself.