

Annual Report of the Communications Committee of the Board of Trustees 2007-08

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Goals:

- To promote dialogue among Board members and congregants and
- To ensure the development and maintenance of healthy communications in our church community.

Accomplishments:

- Two congregant-board forums have been planned; the fall conversation was held October 14, 2007, and a dynamic discussion of relevant issues occurred among Board members and the thirty (approx.) congregants who attended. The spring conversation is scheduled for Sunday, April 20, 2008.
- To promote healthy communications in our church community, the Board sponsored two workshops with the Communications Committee making arrangements and facilitating the event. On the morning of January 12, 2008, an Appreciative Inquiry workshop was held with speakers from the Healthy Congregations Team: Kristin Guest and Marilyn Warner. There were over 40 church leaders in attendance with a handful of guests from neighboring congregations. That same afternoon the two presenters addressed Healthy Congregations, a communication workshop for congregants; there were at least 40 congregants who participated.
- Ongoing communication activities include Board orientation for new members, welcoming and conversation with congregants during coffee hour, and promotion of the covenant process among congregants.