

Hilton United Methodist Church

Visioning Questionnaire

Four years ago, our congregation embarked on a journey called Hand to Plow. At a church conference in April of 2014, we unanimously voted to implement the recommendations of the Hand to Plow consultants. Hilton UMC teams were formed focusing on ways God was calling us to improve or develop our small groups, worship, discipleship and leadership pathways, and resolve population gaps. The teams then presented their plans to the Church Council who adopted those strategies in April of 2015, three years ago. The Church Council is now reviewing our progress in these ministries, discerning what's working, what's not, and tweaking the areas that need fine-tuning.

One of our initiatives is to develop long-term strategies - to discern where God is calling us to be in the next three years in the areas of worship, youth ministry, outreach, and small groups. To do this, we need your help to discern God's plan for future ministries here at HUMC.

Please take a few minutes to print and answer the attached questionnaire to help us in the discernment process. Responses in terms of key words or phrases are encouraged.

Please return the completed questionnaire to the church office. If you'd like, you may drop it off in person during the week, mail it (21 West Ave, Hilton, NY 14468), or bring it to church and place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning.

Your input is valuable to us – help us to discern God's direction for Hilton United Methodist Church!

Thank you!

1. I most feel part of the Hilton UMC community when ...

2. I think that my talents are best engaged at Hilton UMC when ...

3. The greatest gift I have ever received from being a member of Hilton UMC is ...

4. I would be able to participate at Hilton UMC as I would like if the church would ... (specify current barriers, if any)

5. When we gather at Hilton UMC, I feel nurtured and invited into a relationship with the divine when ...

6. I feel most connected to the divine, in my life, when ...

7. The legacy or heritage we should leave to Hilton UMC children that will inspire and transform is...

8. I think that the most important thing we do, or can do, to be a vital community of faith in the future is...

9. The part of our heritage that seems missing and that I would like to recover is...

10. I am responding to this questionnaire as a part of a group. The group and its purpose are...

11. In the future, this group dreams of doing...

12. I would like to help start the following new group at Hilton UMC...

13. When we draft a vision statement for the future, I believe that we should include...

14. My vision for Hilton UMC is...

15. I have _____ children under 18 who come to Hilton UMC with me (Optional).

16. Your name (optional):

17. Demographic Information (Optional) Into which generation were you born? (Check one)

- before 1925
- 1925 – 1945
- 1946 – 1964
- 1965 -1980
- 1981 - 1999
- 2000 or later

18. Demographic Information (Optional) What is your relationship with Hilton UMC:

Member:

- For 4 years or less
- For more than 4 years, less than 10 years
- For 10 years or longer

Non-Member:

- Will become member in 2018
- Frequent, long-time attendee
- Looking for a church
- Infrequent Visitor