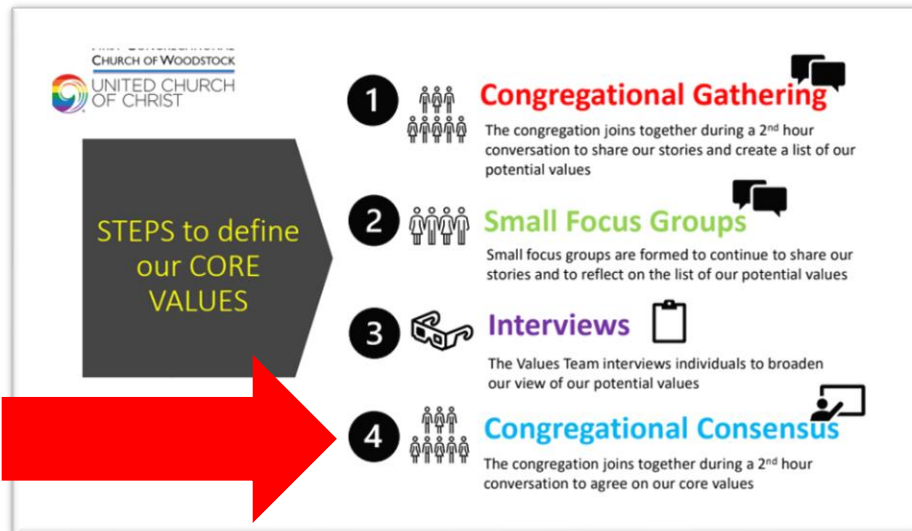


Vision & Values Initiative

During June and July, the Vision & Values Team facilitated six focus groups. In these smaller sessions, participants had an opportunity to continue sharing stories about their experiences in our church, and then reflect on the core values and competing priorities that emerged from these stories.

Next Step – Congregational Gathering on Sunday, October 9th

STEP 4: Consensus. The Vision & Values Team will be hosting a Congregational Gathering on **Sunday, October 9th** following a shortened worship service. Participants will review the lists of identified values and competing priorities from the Congregational Gathering on May 15th and the six focus groups, looking for common themes and challenges. We will combine items and prioritize them and try to come to a consensus on a final list of 3-5 core values. We will then do the same with the lists of competing priorities, that is, things that obstruct or get in the way of our living out our core values.



This Congregational Gathering is an important exercise; it will have lasting effects. Our consensus on core values can serve as a foundational resource for our congregation as we make decisions regarding church governance, annual budgets and the allocation of resources, present and proposed ministries, and so forth.