

Community Leader Interview Questionnaire

These questions are intended to be used in a way that will keep the interview focused. It is important to allow the person being interviewed to speak freely. It is important not to allow the interview to go beyond the time that was granted by the person being interviewed.

Interviewers:

- One or two persons
- Each team or unit to interview up to five community leaders
- Call for an interview time not to exceed 30 minutes
- Take notes during the interview if that is comfortable to do, or immediately after leaving the interview

Community Leader List: Mayor, school district superintendent, school athletic coach or director, police chief, art/music directors, social work director, presidents of civic organizations, directors of community youth organizations, directors of care facilities, prison warden, representatives of hospitals/clinics, community leaders who range in ages from 21 to 40, youth, directors of self- help organizations, directors of YMCA/YWCA, business leaders, and others.

- What is the most important value that your organization desires to bring into community life?
- What has your organization been able to accomplish toward bringing that value into the life of the community?
- What barriers are preventing your organization from fully benefiting the community?
- What are the key economic/social issues present within the life of this community? (Current, five years, ten years?)
- What is most needed to resolve the economic/social issues of the community?
- What do you know about _____ United Methodist Church? What is it known for in the community?
- What role do you see this church or a new faith community playing in the community?

- Do you see specific roles or programs/projects this new church could perform to increase the specific or general well-being of the community?
- What actions could _____ United Methodist Church take to be in partnership with your organization and others?