

January 20, 2007

To the Channing Congregation and Friends,

In November, the participants in the first Focus Discussion identified our shared values and expressed their wants, need and dreams for Channing's future. Now is the time to look at the resources necessary to realize those dreams. Therefore, we invite you to bring a friend and participate in the next step, Focus Discussion #2! Come learn and share your opinion about what lies ahead in Channing's future.

*The Channing Church Transition Team invites you to the*

# FOCUS Discussion #2

**February 3, 2007**

**10am – 1pm - The Parish Hall**

*(soup and bread lunch will be served)*

Make the most of this session and come prepared! You don't have to wait until February 3<sup>rd</sup> to think about Channing's resources! Review our web site at [www.channingchurch.org](http://www.channingchurch.org) and click on **Year of Decision** on the left hand side (in red letters). Cruise the site and find posted for your convenience, history, statistics, and recent talking points from each of the committees as well as summaries of the information you generated at the first session in November. Take some time to look it over. Be prepared to bring your thoughts and knowledge to the next session! Don't like the internet? Don't worry, all information on the website is also available in hard copy at the back of the sanctuary and at fellowship.

Last Fall, the transition team planned to facilitate four Focus Sessions with the Channing community to work towards our goal of reaching consensus before June. A schedule of the four focus sessions planned by the transition team is as follows: *(please note dates may change.)*

Nov 09, 2006 #1: "Identifying our shared values"

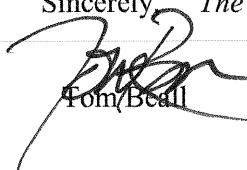
Feb 03, 2007 #2: "Understanding congregation growth and the relationship between our wants and resources"


Mar 14, 2007 #3: "Finding ways to realign our wants and resources"


May 16, 2007 #4: "Crafting our vision"


Please plan to attend as many sessions as you can. We need your participation!


Sincerely, *The Channing Transition Team:*


  
Tom Beall

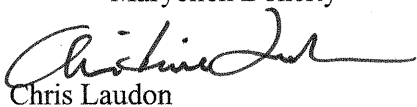
  
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