

## East Heights United Methodist Church – November 2006

Kansas Area Bishop Scott Jones and his Cabinet are evaluating ministry effectiveness based on eight characteristics of a healthy congregation as seen from the bishop's desk.

1. **Worship attendance** - How does your church's worship attendance relate to what's happening to the population of your community? In a declining community, stable worship attendance is a success. In a growing community, declining attendance is not success.

Year	East Heights Worship Attendance	Economic performance records for Wichita, Kansas.	
2001	678 ↑	<b>(Average annual growth rate for the past 10 years)</b>	
2002	660 ↓	Item	Growth Rate
2003	630 ↓	Population	0.6% ↑
2004	594 ↓	Total Personal Income	4.5% ↑
2005	567 ↓	Per Capita Personal Income	3.8% ↑
2006	522 ↓ (As of November 10 <sup>th</sup> )	Earnings by Place of Work	4.8% ↑
		Total Employment part-time / full-time	1.4% ↑
		Earnings per Job	3.4% ↑
<small><a href="http://www.wichita.edu/my/newsresource/econperf.asp">http://www.wichita.edu/my/newsresource/econperf.asp</a></small>			

2. **Professions of faith** - How many people, other than the members of the confirmation class, came to Christ through profession of faith?

Year	Professions of Faith	Confirmation Class Size
2001	34	18
2002	23 ↓	27
2003	44 ↑	14
2004	26 ↓	24
2005	29 ↑	18
2006		

3. **Social action** - Is your church involved in social action projects appropriate to your community?

Limited participation for our size of Congregation?

4. **Sunday school attendance** - Are the people attending worship connected to a small group experience like Sunday school where they are fed or feeding others spiritually?

Year	East Heights SS Attendance
2001	186 ↓
2002	181 ↓
2003	178 ↓
2004	176 ↓
2005	173 ↓
2006	

5. **Growing dollars** - Is the church spending more each year in ministry?

Year	Budget	Actual Spending
2001	\$ 1,100,500.00 ↑	\$ 1,085,273.00 ↓
2002	\$ 1,102,658.00 ↑	\$ 1,078,512.00 ↓
2003	\$ 1,054,000.00 ↓	\$ 1,072,479.00 ↓
2004	\$ 1,058,000.00 ↑	\$ 1,107,867.00 ↑
2005	\$ 1,121,600.00 ↑	\$ 1,112,493.00 ↑
2006	\$ 1,157,829.00 ↑	\$ 907,807.00 (Through Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup> )

Where is the money being allocated?

6. **Growing percentage for mission** - Is the church spending more each year on being in mission outside the congregation?

Year	Benevolences	Benevolences (including M and M's)
2001	\$75,505.00	\$ 182,625.00
2002	\$55,405.00 ↓	\$ 171,095.00
2003	\$48,185.00 ↓	\$ 152,306.00
2004	\$49,321.00 ↑	\$ 160,310.00
2005	\$27,966.00 ↓	\$ 150,054.00
2006		\$ 98,709.00 (Through Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup> )
	Does not include 'Habitat' \$	

7. **M&M's paid in full** - Is the church paying its full commitment to the connectional mission of the church? (Mission and Ministry funds paid to the Kansas West Conference.)

Year	M and M's	M and M's
2001	83%	\$ 107,120.00 ↓
2002	100%	\$ 115,690.00 ↑
2003	100%	\$ 104,121.00 ↓
2004	100%	\$ 110,989.00 ↑
2005	100%	\$ 122,088.00 ↑
2006	71% (As of Nov. 10 <sup>th</sup> )	\$ 133,337.00 ↑

We are feeding the system, but, based on other criteria, perhaps compromising mission, ministry, and spiritual formation on a congregational level?

8. **Commitment to excellence** - Are we giving our best to the Lord in service in all aspects of our ministry?

Would membership and attendance be stagnant, or in decline, if we were, "giving our best to the Lord in service in all aspects of our ministry?"