

LOCAL CHURCH OVERVIEW

Name of Church	Trinity UMC – Las Vegas	
Name of Pastor(s)	Mark W. Lansberry	Date 10-24-2010

The Pastor(s) should work with the Church Council or its equivalent in completing this form. .

A. Profile of the Community - *The Annual Conference provides demographic information about your community through Percept. Check with your District Superintendent about accessing this information.*

1. Describe the community served by your church.

Currently, there are 484,987 persons residing within a five-mile radius of the church. This represents an increase of 201,832 or 71.3% since 1990. Based upon the total number of different groups present, the racial/ethnic diversity in the area is extremely high. Among individual groups, Anglos represent 43.2% of the population and all other racial/ethnic groups make up a substantial 56.8% which is well above the national average of 35%. The largest of these groups, Hispanics/Latinos, accounts for 32.0% of the total population. Hispanics/Latinos are also projected to be the fastest growing group increasing by 23.0% between 2010 and 2015. Based upon the number of years completed and college enrollment, the overall education level in the area is very low. While 79.2% of the population aged 25 and over have graduated from high school as compared to the national average of 80.4%, college graduates account for 17.6% of those over 25 in the area versus 24.4% in the U.S.

2. How has the community changed in the last 5-10 years, and how do you expect it to change in the next 5 -10 years?

The population increased 71.3% since 1990. between 2010 and 2015, the population is projected to increase by 3.8% or 18,221 additional persons. During the same period, the U.S. population is projected to grow by 5.1%

3. How do the demographics of your community compare to the demographics of your church attendance?

The membership attending Trinity is not nearly as diverse as the surrounding community. The majority are white and older. There are a handful of Hispanics, some 80 Filipinos and a new small group of Vietnamese.

B. Profile of your Church - Describe your local church:

1. Strengths — Close-knit relationships. Long-time presence in the community. Viable preschool and daycare center. Very effective outreach through t iety of St. Stephens to the poor in the community.
2. Challenges — Aging membership; many retired persons on fixed income and with physical limitations. The neighborhood has been changing around t from a neighborhood church to an urban church. The challenge is how to successfully negotiate that shift.
3. Mission — Strong music program; community outreach through Society of St. Stephen and Trinity Christian Preschool and Daycare Center.
4. Statistical Goals — To Be Determined

	2009 Goals	2009 Actual	2010 Goals	2010 Actual to Date
New Members				
Avg. Worship Attendance				
Professions of Faith				

5. List your church's goals/priorities for the upcoming year.

The goal of the membership for 2011 is to do a thorough and effective job of discerning and establishing goals and priorities for the upcoming year and beyond rather than simply doing "business as usual" and having a handful of members come up with a list of goals that repeatedly have not been achieved. We do plan to launch four small groups by the end of March with each group expected to launch a new group by year's end.

C. Lay Leadership Evaluation

How many new leaders were developed this year and how were they deployed for ministry?

Trinity has recently begun an intentional leadership development program beginning with the expectation that all members complete Membership 101, a six-hour class on membership in the United Methodist tradition. In addition, leaders are expected to tithe, attend worship regularly and participate in small groups. As this initiative progresses more leaders will be deployed as small group leaders as well as in other leadership roles. Two persons have attended the Lay Speaker Academy.

Signatures of person(s) completing this form:

Mark W. Lansberry

Date: 10-24-2011
