

First Presbyterian Church INN Vision

December '11, the INN Director Search Process

DESCRIPTION OF FPC

First Presbyterian Church (FPC) of Bellingham is a vibrant church community that has proclaimed the good news of Jesus in Bellingham for over 130 years. The church sanctuary is one of the oldest in our fair city and this year celebrates its 100 year anniversary. FPC is a medium sized church (400 on a Sunday) in a medium sized college town (70k). We are an intergenerational body with a host of young families and kids as well as a good representation of people in all age ranges. We host two services a Sunday with the first celebrating a classical style and the second being more contemporary. The church has a long standing passion for mission to the community and to the University through the INN. The purpose of FPC is to participate in the ministry of Jesus by loving God, loving others, and helping others love God.

DESCRIPTION OF THE INN

The INN University Ministries is a ministry and mission of First Presbyterian Church (FPC) of Bellingham and an Associated Students Club of Western Washington University with the purpose of serving young adults and students in the Bellingham community. The INN shares the gospel of Jesus with students through weekly gatherings, small groups, mission trips, and a variety of activities, service, and leadership opportunities. We hope to foster an environment in which Experiencing God can be accessible and real to all students, regardless of their location on the journey of faith.

THE INN VISION

The purpose of the INN is to live out the purpose and mission of FPC to the campus and college age students by loving God, loving others, and helping others love God.

THE INN VALUES

Faith Development The INN values the transition to new and encouragement into a becoming or developing faith, a faith in process, and lifelong journey towards fullness and maturity in Christ.

Cultivating Community The INN values being a community that is constantly morphing, growing, changing, and listening to the present voice of God.

Living Action Students are encouraged to engage their faith by stepping out of their world and serving others in their local community and abroad.