

TRINITY VILLAGE
Update to DAC Congregations
January 11, 2007

As you know, on October 29, 2006, the Downtown Alliance of Churches (DAC), composed of First United Methodist Church, First Presbyterian Church, and First Baptist Church voted in separate congregational meetings to proceed with a feasibility study of the Trinity Village concept. The congregations also agreed to each choose three non-clergy persons to serve on the Downtown Alliance of Churches (DAC) Development Team, and approved the idea that the pastors from each of the three churches will serve as ex-officio members of the team. It was also agreed that the DAC Development Team will have the responsibility of giving ongoing leadership to the exploration of the Trinity Village concept. The congregations were assured that they will receive regular updates regarding the exciting possibilities relative to Trinity Village. This is the first in a series of articles that will be published for this purpose.

At the November 09, 2006 meeting of the DAC Development Team, team members discussed the desirability of changing the team name to more readily reveal their identity. They agreed that the new name would be the "Trinity Village Team." At that meeting, desired professional and personal experience and qualities of new team members were discussed and representatives from the three churches made commitments to work with their congregations to select three non-clergy persons to serve on the Trinity Village Team by December 14, 2006, the next regularly scheduled team meeting.

The DAC congregations chose their new representatives for the Trinity Village Team (TVT) in a timely manner and at the December 14 team meeting the following names were announced as the new TVT:

FIRST UNITED METHODIST	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN	FIRST BAPTIST
John Noland	Mary Lee Mann	Bill Carlson
Peach Sonne	Joe Speilman	Bill DeDeugd
Ron Weaver	Dorwin Thomas	Al Frierson
Rev. Jim Rosenberg	Dr. Derek Richman	Dr. Winford Hendrix
Rev. Joe Spradlin		

As the TVT was reorganizing, their work continued. For example, the team made a PowerPoint presentation to the Fort Myers City Council on November 13 and received an exceptionally warm and positive response, with the encouragement to continue exploring the Trinity Village concept, knowing of their strong interest in and support of the concept. Other meetings have been conducted with various community organizations with whom Trinity Village may form partnerships...all of which have resulted in responses similar to those of the city officials.

The TVT is now working on the details needed to move the feasibility study along. The team will keep the congregations informed of the progress of their efforts. Please keep the TVT in your personal prayers. Remember that the ultimate goal of the Trinity Village concept is for the downtown congregations to work together in ways that make a positive impact for Christ on Downtown Fort Myers.