

**FUMC Welcome and Connection Team
Report to the FUMC Governance Board
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PURPOSE

The purpose of the Welcome and Connection Team is to welcome visitors to the church and assist everyone in connecting in meaningful ways with this Body of Christ.

THREE EASY THINGS EVERYONE CAN DO

- Wear your nametag! Need one? Email rtodd@fumcwl.org or request one at the Welcome Desk
- Early for worship? Stand at one of the doors and welcome others as they arrive.
- Introduce yourself to someone that you don't know. A simple opener that works well for me is "Hi, I don't think we've met yet, my name is Karen."

CELEBRATIONS

- I celebrate everyone involved in welcome and connection in many different ways. I celebrate our usher coordinators, ushers, greeters, our pastors, our staff, shepherds for new members, newcomers lunch team, volunteers at the Welcome Desk, just to name some.
- Together we have helped people into small groups, find joy serving as greeters and ushers, take on leadership in Sunday and Wednesday meals ministry, serve as adult chaperones on youth mission trips, take on leadership roles in our vision initiatives, and so many other things.
- At least 150 visitors have received a personalized email, handwritten note, or phone call
- 87 people have attended a newcomers lunch in the last 3 years
- 47 people participated in a new member class in the last 3 years

CHANGES/OPPORTUNITIES

- With my new position at Purdue, I need help for Welcome and Connection to continue
- We need:
 - A new newcomers lunch coordinator if it is to continue
 - Help creating and maintaining instructions for the Welcome Desk
 - More greeters at the 11:00 service
- There were many recommendations in the FCJ Guest Integration report that I did not implement. I would welcome help in any of these areas.
- Anyone wishing to help can contact me at karenhull@fumcwl.org