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Background

- *Roy Oswald*
- *Many areas of involvement & need*
- *Where have we been called?*



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Past Strategic Planning in the Synod

- *Synod Leadership Team reconfigured*
- *Congregational officers trained*
- *FCTE and Lay School started*
- *Endowment Fund started*



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*Current strategic planning task force:
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Understandings under girding this process

- *Build on past work*
- *Focus on 2 or 3 identified areas*
- *Efforts should be specific, measurable, attainable, etc.*



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Understandings (continued)

- *Process begins at the grass roots level - the congregation*
- *Congregations & synod should benefit*



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Understandings (continued)

- *Steps should be simple and easy to understand*
- *Work should include as many people as possible in the synod*
- *We'll only look 2-3 years ahead*



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Approved plan

- *Theological Conference - rationale and time table presented to rostered leaders*



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Approved plan (continued)

- *Sunday, December 7, 10 minutes will be used in worship time to complete 3-question questionnaires*



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Approved plan (continued)

- *Congregational leaders will be asked to glean from the responses and return the results to the synod before Christmas*



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- *January-February - those interested will come together to categorize and prioritize responses, determining action steps*



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- *Synod staff and leadership will assign responsibility for the action steps*
- *Synod Assembly Bishop's Report will feature resulting priorities*



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- *Priorities will be shared with congregations*



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