

## **VISION PATH DEVELOPMENT TEAM**

### **UPDATE**

The Team has been busily functioning as an ad hoc arm of the Church Council. Team members have been addressing the massive information gathered by the Synod's Lutheran Church Extension Fund open-ended survey questionnaire. This information synthesis process has been both intensive and rewarding. The basic tasks were to massage the data, cluster the responses, and identify the concerns most pressing to the respondents. Every effort was made to insure cross-validation and interrater reliability on the emerging conclusions from the survey responses. The outcomes from the data interpretation effort revealed the following: (1) the exploration of a multi-faceted outreach effort, (2) a future feasibility study for a school/child care facility, and (3) the future expansion of our youth development programs.

In addition, the Team has been pursuing linkages with the Outreach Board, School Board, Christian Education Board and the Stewardship Board. These groups will receive the data from the survey as it relates to their immediate strategic plans and long range planning. After interacting and gathering input from these affiliate groups, the Team will produce and internally validate a shorter (less time consuming) and more specific survey. This brief survey will be ready for the congregation's deliberation and response sometime during mid-October.