

DREAMING A NEW DAY

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
- Isaiah 43:19

Where there is no vision, the people perish.
- Proverbs 25:18

***I give thanks to my God always for you
because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus,
for in every way you have been enriched in him,
in speech and knowledge of every kind
so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift
as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.
God is faithful;
by God you were called into the fellowship of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.***
- 1st Corinthians 1:4-9

As the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church enters its 104th year, the church is at a cross-road.

Within the last two decades our society has experienced dramatic cultural shifts impacting Christianity in North America. Since the 4th century in the time of Constantine, Christianity has been the dominant religion in Western Civilization. In the United States, people of mainline Protestant denominations, (Presbyterians, Methodists, Lutherans, Episcopalians) were dominant leaders in our towns, cities and the nation during the 1950's, '60's and 70's.

Today, Christianity is no longer the dominant religion in our culture. We live in an increasingly pluralistic and secular society. Many more people are agnostic or "spiritual" rather than professing to a particular faith tradition. The ways of "doing church" that many of us remember from our younger days no longer work to bring people to church or call children to faith.

Many churches of mainline denominations have lost their way and no longer know their mission. We often practice a "feel good" faith that teaches us how to get along with others, strive for happiness and keep God at a distance, neither expecting nor asking anything of God. In some cases, we have lost Jesus to extreme religious factions that practice more hate than love.

For the last three decades, the membership and influence of mainline Protestant denominations and churches has been declining. The PC(USA) has lost more than 1 million members in the last 30 years. The number of infant baptisms has declined 50%. The current median age of a Presbyterian in the United States is 61.

CCPC has followed the same pattern of membership loss as other mainline congregations. Even though we have membership gains, these do not make up for our

losses. Our giving has remained constant or declined over the last ten years.

While we have a real sense of grief at the loss of days gone by, we can neither deny nor ignore the reality of our present situation must be acknowledged. The crisis we face offers a new opportunity to seek the Holy Spirit, to look for a new way forward, to listen again to God's call to CCPC, to ask "How will CCPC be relevant in demonstrating God's love for humanity?"

In late 2009, CCPC called a new Senior Pastor, the Reverend Molly Blythe Teichert. In responding to the changing world in which we are called to be the church, the Session recognized an opportunity to take a fresh look at our direction. Thus in the spring of 2010, the Session called for the formation of a Visioning Task Force to lead the congregation in discerning God's call to our church at this time in history.

A vision for the church describes our current situation and our aspirations. It is grounded in who we are but also reflects our hopes and dreams for humanity. A vision answers "What is CCPC's piece of God's imagination?" A vision is not static. It is a journey through which we strive for constant betterment of ourselves our community and the world. For churches in the reformed tradition, the vision for a community captures the "reformed and always being reformed according to the will of God" theology we embrace.

Six members of the congregation -- Meg Artley, Michael Huerta, Tracy Hadden Loh, Beth Mullin, Dick Riegel, Jessica Wick—and Rev. Teichert served on a Visioning Task Force to consider how God is calling us to respond to this changing world. The Task Force was commissioned at a worship service on October 17, 2010.

PROCESS

The Task Force identified three foundational questions for its work:

- Who are we? *Identity*
 - What gifts, talents, abilities, resources and resolve can we bring to serve God in the world around us? What are our core values and beliefs?
- Who is our neighbor? *Context*
 - What characterizes this time in history and our place the world where, and from which God calls us to participate in building up the Kingdom of God? Who are the people God calls us to serve?
- What is God calling us to do? *Purpose*
 - What is CCPC's part in working with Christ to change people to change the world?

The Task Force began a systematic data collection project to provide a picture of CCPC, our neighbors and our area at this moment in time. The Task Force also employed a variety of ways to listen to and learn from as many people in the congregation as possible. Our activities included, but were not limited to, the following approaches:

- Consulting the existing literature on church purpose discernment;
- Studying contemporary theory on the changes effecting the church in North, America and the implications of these changes for local congregations;
- Meeting with the elders and deacons to identify CCPC's key values;
- Facilitating a Fall 2010 FOCUS class exploring all of the above and more;
- Conducting a six-part sermon series and talk back sessions with Rev. Teichert;
- Reaching out to small groups within the church, including the youth group;
- Visiting other churches;
- Conducting historical research on our congregation;
- Collecting extensive demographic data about our congregation, neighbors and area;
- Conducting an all-church census taken on Christmas Eve, when our church is filled with members and visitors;
- Interviewing church staff;
- Holding individual conversations with church members;
- Involving the congregation as a whole through participation in discussions on transformation at the Annual Meeting;
- Presenting data collected by April 2011 to the annual Session Retreat for further discernment and clarity on the particular vision and mission of CCPC; and
- Circulating a draft of the report to key leaders and staff.

The Task Force sought to keep open lines of communication with the congregation about the process and findings were documented continuously on a blog, accessible through the church website, <http://theoptia.chevyCHASE.org>.

WHO ARE WE?

Our History

CCPC was founded in 1908 when Chevy Chase Circle was on the far outskirts of the city, with a few summer homes and farms. The Church as seen two world wars, the cold war, racism and the fight for civil rights, women's liberation, the questioning of civil authority, and the decline of religious authority. Common threads connecting the five generations include the emphasis on family, Christian education, youth and children, a liturgy that emphasizes corporate sharing of joys and concerns and prayer for ourselves and our neighbor, and music programs. Although CCPC reflected society in its time and was racially and socially exclusive, CCPC was known to be politically and theologically inclusive. (An excellent history of CCPC, *Celebrating a Century – Framing Our Future*, was written by the Centennial Celebration Committee in 2008. It is accessible in the Church library and on the church website.)

Our Core Beliefs and Values

We value hospitality, and we welcome and include people of a wide spectrum of perspectives, ages, family configurations, sexual orientations, ethnic backgrounds, and economic circumstances.

We value a strong sense of belonging to this family of faith; we support and care for one another throughout our lives in the church, from birth until death. Our caring ministries ensure that people who are grieving, ill or homebound are involved as integral members of our congregation.

We value our Reformed faith in the Presbyterian tradition. Our theology is grounded in grace and centered in the Bible. We value solid teaching, authentic preaching, vibrant worship, and transcendent music.

We believe God calls us to put our faith into action to work for peace and justice.

Findings about Our Church

Data for these findings was gathered from a number of sources:

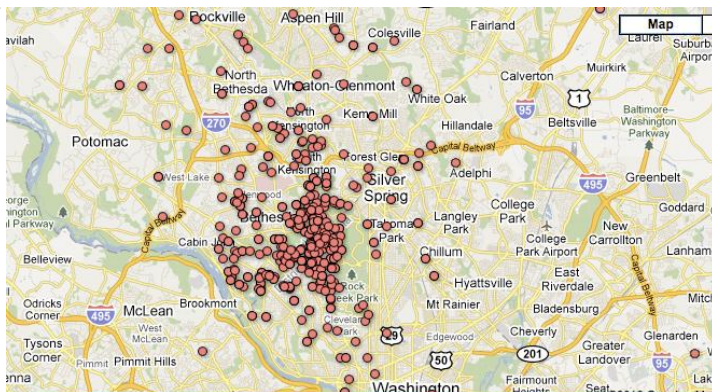
- CCPC church database.
- United States Census data
- Percept – an organization that provides demographic data to churches to inform their ministry and outreach.
- In order to further capture a sense of who we are we had the congregation complete a “census” on Christmas Eve -- one of the most highly attended worship services in the year, when we welcome members who do not attend regularly and visitors who are drawn to our church.

We are a neighborhood church. Half our members live within three miles of the church. The area is suburban, characterized by residential development with pockets of commercial development along major roads. Half of those attending Christmas Eve services were from the two zip codes nearest the church (20015, 20815). Others were also nearby, or were clearly out-of-town visitors. Children participating in the Weekday Nursery School (76%) and the After School Program (97%) are also local. The Christmas Eve census indicated that many people grew up here; 40% of CCPC members who responded (253 members) were born locally versus 20% for the remainder of our neighbors.

Here is Where We Live

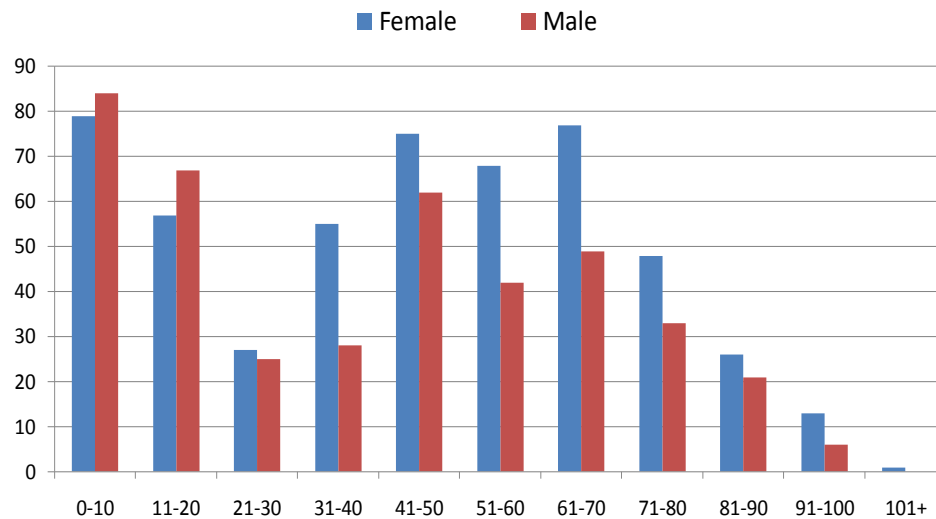
- 630 members (82%) are concentrated within 10 miles (approximately) of the church in the following zip codes –

- 20815 – 191
- 20015 – 143
- 20816 – 64
- 20817 – 36
- 20008 – 34
- 20895 – 31
- 20906 – 29
- 20016 – 28
- 20852 – 15
- 20910 – 12
- 20854 – 11



We are a relatively young church. The average age of our membership is 52.9 years (the average age of all PCUSA members is 61), with the bulk of those members in the 41-70 age range. When we include the participating children and youth, the average age drops markedly to an average of 41.9 years. The average age of a person upon joining CCPC has remained at approximately 36 years whether looking at the entire membership or those who have joined within the past 20 years.

CCPC Member and Youth Age and Gender Profiles



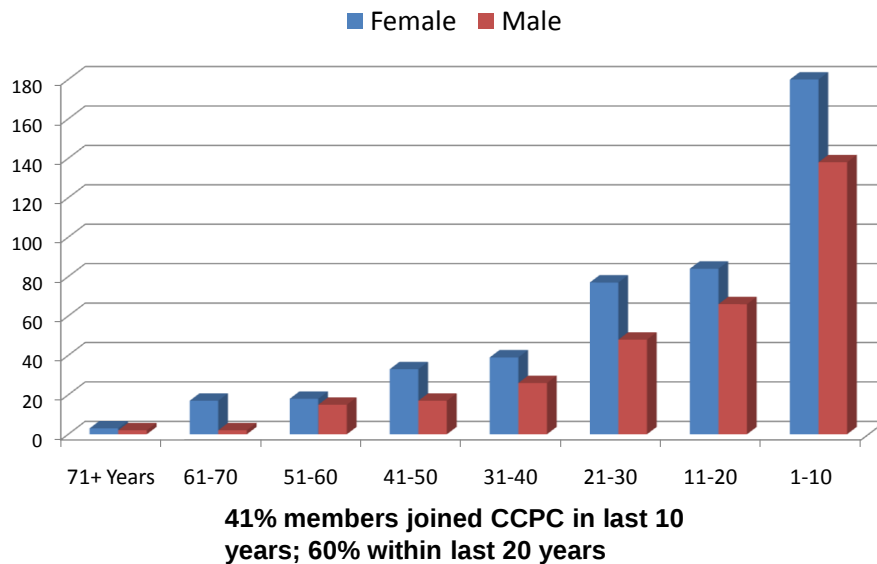
Average age – Members + Youth – 41.9 years
Member-only Average age – 52.9 years
PC(USA) Average age – 61 years

We are blessed with an abundance of children. Children and youth represent approximately 30% of all those directly connected with the church. There are 282 directly attached to the church either as children of members or members in their own right. Of these, 172 are less than 12 years old, while 110 are between the ages of 12 and 20.

Additionally, our ministries through the combined Weekday Nursery School and After-School Programs bring another 237 children into our building on a daily basis during the school year.

We are a “new” church. Nearly 42% of our members joined the church in the last 10 years; more than 62% in the past 20 years. Overall membership tenure at CCPC covers a wide range – from more than 71 years to as little as several months.

Member Tenure at CCPC



We are highly educated and we are affluent. Our educational attainment and our socio-economic status are reflective of the neighborhoods in which we live. Please see details about these characteristics in the section “Who is Our Neighbor” below.

We are critical thinkers. We are interested in world affairs and we form our own opinions on how and why things are the way they might appear. We do not believe everything we hear or read. Instead, we seek to understand the basis for positions and beliefs articulated by those around us. We want to be convinced before we act, but once we are certain of a course, we approach it with dedication and vigor.

We are busy. Many people in our church are deeply involved in their professions – often at high levels—while raising children and juggling the demands of dual-income schedules. In our church, people who are “retired” often have volunteer and family commitments that keep them as busy as people who work for pay. Our children are also busy with school and activities. Many people also travel for business, family, or personal reasons, which makes it difficult for them to attend church regularly or participate in church activities.

Our Resources:

Financial. CCPC's financial status is relatively sound, yet we struggle to maintain our ministry. The bulk of our annual income supports daily operations with little going into reserves; this does not give us leeway to initiate and sustain major new cost-intensive outreach programs or provide us much flexibility for renovation or expansion of our facilities. Blessedly, CCPC is debt-free. We have only a very small endowment. In recent years of economic downturn, the endowment has produced minimal income.

Facilities. CCPC is housed in a beautiful stone building. The Sanctuary is Gothic in style and seats 400. The Reiger organ dates from 1974. The Sanctuary and Chadsey Hall were completed in 1928, and the Sanctuary was extensively renovated in 1998-1999. The Administration Wing was completed in 1932. Minor renovations were made in 2010. The Education Wing, completed in 1958 was totally renovated in 2003. The Columbarium was installed in 1997 and needs to be expanded. Although the church buildings are structurally sound and in need of no major repair, they require continued maintenance.

Staff. CCPC has positions for three full-time clergy: Senior Pastor and Associate Pastor for Christian Nurture. We are currently seeking an Interim Associate Pastor. The Church Administrator, Director of Music, Head Custodian, two additional custodians, and a newly-hired Communications Coordinator are also full-time positions. The church employs a Coordinator of Youth Ministries, Assistant Director of Music, Receptionist, Nursery Care workers and Choral Section leaders in part-time positions.

Programs. As a church we offer a wide variety of ministries to meeting the needs of our various members and neighbors. For a listing of our programs, see Appendix A.

WHO IS OUR NEIGHBOR?

"Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

- Luke 10:36-37

We compiled data about our neighborhood from Percept, an organization that provides church leaders with tools to help them better understand and respond to the people they serve and seek to reach. Percept combines U.S. Census demographics with additional attitudinal data regarding a given population's beliefs, concerns, attitudes and preferences. Additional demographic data was obtained from City-Data.com, which profiles selected area using a wide range of data including population dynamics, income, educational levels, race, housing, age and family composition, among other data sets. CCPC is physically located at the border of Washington, DC, and Montgomery County, Maryland. Our neighbors include several communities.

Our Neighborhood: (a three mile radius around the church)

Young Families. Our church is located in a relatively young, owner-occupied, family oriented, family-dominant neighborhood. Married couples with children out-number the "empty nester" families by a 3:1 margin. Over 84% of the families are headed by a married couple, and only 16% of the houses are headed by single parents (12% female and 4% male). The average age in our neighborhood is 40.5.

Well Educated. Our neighbors are well educated. Roughly 70% of our neighbors are college graduates, compared to 24% of the total US population. They also tend to be concerned about major social issues.

Stable. Our neighborhood is currently stable. People who move in here tend to stay here – five years or longer. More than 50% of our neighbors have lived in the same house for at least five years. Most housing units are occupied; owner-occupied houses outnumber rental units by a 2:1 margin. The largest cluster of renter-occupied housing is in the Cleveland Park area (20008). Only 3.5% of houses stand vacant.

Affluent. CCPC is located in an affluent neighborhood where the average Adjusted Gross Income often exceeds \$160,000 and where total annual charitable donations are about 8% of their pre-tax income. While income is well above national average of \$67,000, the overall propensity to give to others is quite low.

Concerned about Justice. Community concerns about social injustice and racial and ethnic prejudice are unusually high in our area, according to Percept.

Little Faith Involvement. 39% of households within three miles of the church are reported to have no faith connection at all. Of all religious preferences expressed within our area, 75% of those polled preferred “Historic Christian” groups. 7.5% of the households are likely to express a Presbyterian/Reformed preference, well above the national average of 4.6%. Those with a faith affiliation prefer the very traditional forms of worship, music and architectural styles in their churches.

The District of Columbia and Montgomery County:

Powerful, Influential and Global. Our church is located in the nation’s capital and the seat of power for much of the world. We live and work among and with those who shape national and world policies. Through work, family, friends, and interests, our people also reach across the world.

Poor. Our neighborhoods also include pockets of poverty. An average of 4.4% of people in our area—more than 18,500 people—live below the poverty level. Of these, 51% have incomes less than one-half of what is considered the poverty level. The neighborhoods of all of all our primary membership areas—from the most affluent to the least—have people living in poverty. Two Silver Spring zip codes – 20906 and 20910 – have the greatest pockets of poverty within our area. Ironically, these same zip codes have the highest percentage of charitable giving in our area.

Homeless. There are at least 28 homeless shelters within a five-mile radius of CCPC within Montgomery County, MD and at least 24 DC-based shelters in the District (16 of those shelters in Northwest DC alone). There are two shelters and the only public housing apartment building for low-income seniors in Ward 3 within walking distance of the church. The Community Council for the Homeless at Friendship Place also reports that there is a small community of homeless teens living in the woods behind the McDonalds near Wisconsin Avenue and Van Ness Street, NW. The greatest bulk of the local homeless population (69%) is aged 18 through 59; the second largest group (23%) is aged 4 through 17.

Lacking in Affordable Housing. Several years ago, the “housing wage” in Montgomery County was \$18.13 an hour. A housing wage is the amount a worker must earn per hour in order to be able to work 40 hours per week and afford a two-bedroom unit at the area’s fair market rent. At minimum wage, one must work 183 hours per week to afford this two-bedroom unit.

Our World:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

- John 3:16-17

In our tumultuous world, there are so many needs. In order to understand more about the needs that our congregation is responding to, the Vision Task Force looked internally to see what needs resonated in our congregation. What needs in the world currently garner

our time, charity and energy?

Since our founding, CCPC has been concerned about **people who are living in poverty and on the margins of our society**. In 1980, CCPC started a ministry which occupies an important niche in the safety net services to people who are homeless, transitioning from prison or who are immigrants to our city. The Transition Assistance Program (TAP) is our own unique ministry and serves as a point of referral for other important social service charities in the city. It involves 40 volunteers from the church; the church supplies approximately a third of its total budget and the in-kind donation of space and the services of the church administrator.

Another unique ministry CCPC started and continues to support through financial and in-kind support is the Shikoho Mission in Kenya. Since 1989, CCPC has sent ministry teams to visit the village, has built a maternity hospital, installed wells, hooked up electricity, provided scholarships for children to attend school, supported an orphanage and recently sent our youth to help install a computer lab and train children on how to use the computers and software.

Just this year, CCPC joined the Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) to join our voices with other faithful people in the city to advocate for the rights of the poor and leaders of this ministry have been trained to reach out to the congregation to understand their individual calls to ministry and mission.

The Re-Entry Task Force at CCPC, started by elder Ginny Spevak through the Mission Committee, has continued and has joined a city-wide committee. This expanded committee welcomed over 100 members and neighbors to a recent meeting to work towards ensuring that ex-offenders can get jobs and re-enter society once they are out of prison.

Another ongoing, home-grown ministry of CCPC is Gifts of Hope, an alternative gifts market offered during the Christmas holiday season. In 2010, more than \$25,000 was raised to support projects ranging from groceries for needy families to scholarships and school supplies for children in Shikoko. In addition, CCPC continues to donate mission dollars and volunteer time to local, community-based non-profits that help people in need from Miriam's Kitchen, Interfaith Works and Community Council for the Homeless at Friendship Place to national and international missions like Bread for the World and Habitat for Humanity.

Our church is also concerned with **care for God's creation**. For several years, the CCPC Earth Stewards have worked to "green" the church and raise awareness about environmental issues through tips in the Bulletin, educational programs, the CCPC website, and volunteer opportunities. This year, the church has become an "Earth Care Congregation" under a program of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in which congregations take an "Earth Care Pledge" and complete activities and projects in the fields of worship, education, facilities and outreach. In May, the Earth Stewards conducted a 1,000 Acts of Green campaign that revealed a depth of energy and enthusiasm for environmental protection across all ages in the congregation.

We continue to be concerned about **peace and cultural understanding**. In our 100 year history, we have reached out in love and support to people who have been through the violence of war and societal unrest -- in Holland after World War II, in Korea and Vietnam after those conflicts, and in our own city after the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Currently, our Christian Education classes fill to near capacity when offering topics regarding ways in which we can understand other faiths and cultures, particularly the Islamic world, better. We open our sanctuary to the Arabic church and host a local Jewish congregations' Seder in Chadsey Hall. Beginning in 1971, CCPC has helped recent immigrants, now an English and Second Language class, in an effort to reach out to people of other faiths and cultures in friendship and understanding. This program can grow exponentially with more volunteers, space and resources because of a current large waiting list of students.

Our Time in History:

Connected in New Ways. We also live in the age of internet technology and social networking. People are connecting and forming communities in new ways. The internet has made our world smaller. People work from home and hold meetings with others around the world via the web. For many people, especially the younger in our society, digital technology, i.e. texting, tweeting, You-tube and Facebook are an integral part of daily living. Our connections through the internet help us to respond to global concerns often within hours. People text gifts of money to help the victims of natural disasters. Social networking has been used to organize community events, political demonstrations, and even revolutions.

GETTING TO OUR VISION

God's call for all Christians is to love God with all our hearts, minds and souls and to love our neighbor as ourselves. The church is God's agent of transformation for each of us. "Churches Change People to Change the World," is a theme that Rev. Teichert preached about in spring 2011 and resonated deeply with many of the people we spoke to. We are called as individuals to be in community, to worship, learn, and belong so that we can be transformed by God's love for us in Jesus Christ. As loved and equipped people, we go forth to transform the world.

Beyond this call, God calls a community at a particular moment in time to use their particular gifts to demonstrate God's astonishing love for the world. Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church's gifts and strengths and the context and which we live led us to our vision.

WHAT IS GOD CALLING US TO DO?

As busy people pulled by the competing demands of contemporary life, we are called to make Jesus Christ the center of our lives.

Pulled by the often conflicting stresses of daily living, we seek to center our lives in the Spirit of God and the ways of Jesus Christ. Through worship, study, prayer, community life, and pastoral care we seek to deepen our relationship with Jesus. Centered in the love of God we welcome a broad spectrum of perspectives, ministry interests, and strengthen our bonds of faith and friendship. We support each other as we grapple with the everyday choices we must make to keep Christ at the center of our lives.

As a church blessed with the vitality of children, youth, and young families, and we are called to receive the riches of this blessing and to nurture and equip the next generation of the faith.

While most Presbyterian churches are rapidly aging, CCPC is an exception. We have been given a special gift in the sheer number of young people in our congregation. We have a special calling to nurture the faith of children and youth. We are called to include children and youth in every aspect of our church life for the benefit of everyone in the congregation. We envision opportunities for people of every age to participate in acts of service and mission, and to focus on opportunities to work across the generations. We are called to reach out and invite the young families in our neighborhood who have no faith affiliation to come to CCPC. We envision equipping and supporting parents, grandparents and mentors in raising spiritually healthy children and youth.

As people blessed with education, access to power, and financial resources we are called to work for justice.

We hear and respond to Jesus' call to serve "the least of these" in our neighborhoods and in the wider world. Through many and various outreach projects in the church, all people, young and old, busy and not, have the opportunity to engage in advocacy and hands-on mission work in addition to practicing the discipline of charity. In our neighborhood, city, nation and world, we work with partners in mission and service to multiply our efforts to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, give voice to those who are oppressed, practice peace, and restore the health of creation.

God is calling CCPC to make Christ the center of our lives, to celebrate and equip the youngest generation of our church to do the work to which Christ has called us all; and to work in the world for justice.

**Christ, our Center
Children, our Blessing
Justice, our Passion**

Recommendations:

The Visioning Task Force recommends that the Session:

1. Hold a fall retreat to explore and understand the ways to implement the vision.
2. Nominate two members of Session to join Michael Huerta of the Visioning Task Force and the staff to develop objectives and agenda for the fall retreat.
3. Charge chairs of the committees on the Session and the Deacons with developing plans that move towards this vision in the next year and report these plans to Session.
4. Develop ways to disseminate information about the vision and allow the congregation to respond.
5. Dissolve the Visioning Task Force.

In Conclusion:

At the 50 Year Member Luncheon this year, Rev. Teichert engaged the participants in the process of visioning by asking them to choose a favorite hymn and explain how it related to Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church. Lucy Kecker suggested a hymn that all the participants agreed not only expressed where we have been as a community of faith, but where we are called to go together:

Song of Hope

*May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.*

*Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new,
Faithful when we hear Christ's call.*

***Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father,
who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope,
comfort your hearts
and strengthen them in every good work and word.
- 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17***

APPENDIX A PROGRAMS OF CCPC

CCPC's Own Mission Programs

Earth Stewards Ministry

English as Second Language (ESL)

Gifts of Hope

Re-entry Task Force

Shikokho in Western Kenya (connection with the village, including medical clinic, primary and secondary schools, orphan feeding program, wells & clean water)

Transitions Assistance Program (TAP)

Week Day Nursery School

After School Program

Mission Agencies CCPC Supports with Money and/or Volunteers

Ali Arab Hospital in Gaza

Anacostia Community Outreach Center (ACOC)

Bread for the City

Bread for the World

Capital Partners for Education

Community Council for the Homeless at Friendship Place

Downtown Cluster of Congregations

Habitat for Humanity – DC & Montgomery County

Heifer Project

Ingleside Resident's Fund

Interfaith Works (including their Friends in Action program, meals for Community Based Shelter)

Iona Senior Services

Jubilee Jobs

Miriam's Kitchen

Mission of Mercy Dental Clinic

Oikicredit

Shepherd's Table

Sunday Evening Meal Program at Our Lady of Lourdes, Bethesda

Thrive DC

Washington Interfaith Network (WIN)

Presbyterian Denomination Agencies/Organizations CCPC Supports with Money

Medical Benevolence Foundation

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (directly and through One Great Hour of Sharing)

Presbyterian Hunger Program (through One Great Hour of Sharing)

Presbyterian Self-Development of People (through One Great Hour of Sharing)

Project Homecoming, New Orleans

Other Organizations Which CCPC Supports or Connects With (though no money or people)

Interfaith Power and Light

Programs for Children, Youth and Families

Sunday Morning Nursery Care

Church School for 3 yrs – 8th grade

Confirmation

Jr. and Sr. High Youth Fellowships

Family Days: Advent, Easter and Fall Festivals

Music Programs

Carol Choir

Junior Choir

Bell Choir

First Service Singers

Chancel Choir

Concert Series

Revelations

Adult Education Programs

FOCUS

Open Forum

Faith Trek

Bible Studies

Congregational Care

Rides and Flowers

Needlework Group

Care Teams

Neighborhood

Community Building

Mariners

Homecoming and Pentecost Picnics

Circles

APPENDIX B – FACT BOOK CHARTS

The charts included in this section provide additional data supporting the findings and conclusions reached in the main body of this report.

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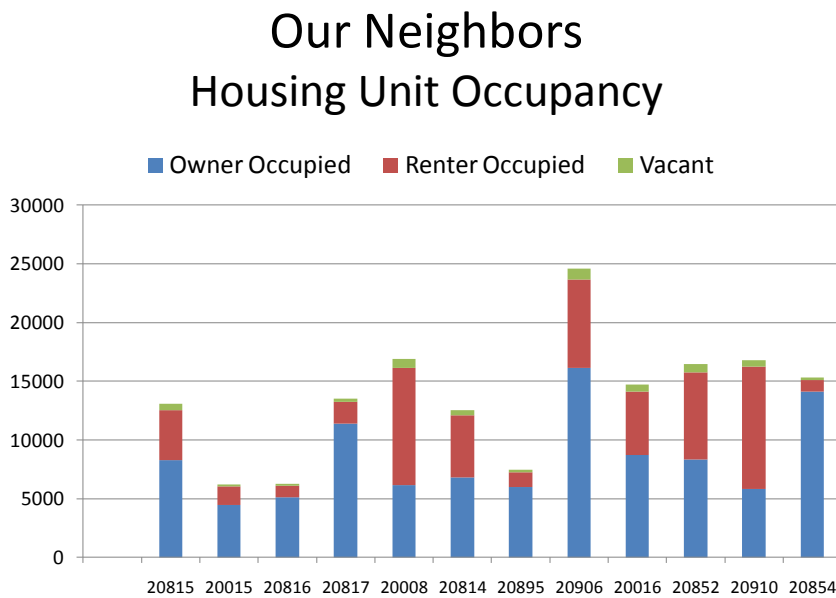


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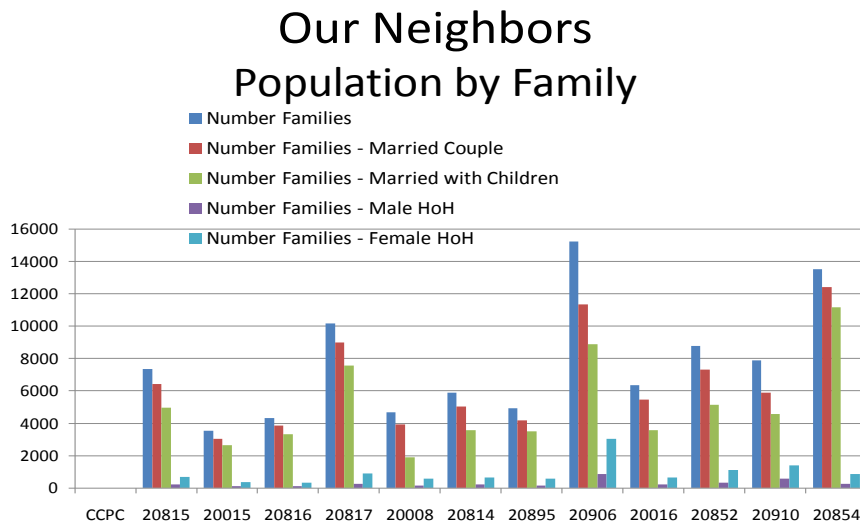


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Our Neighbors Lived in Same Home for Last 5 Years

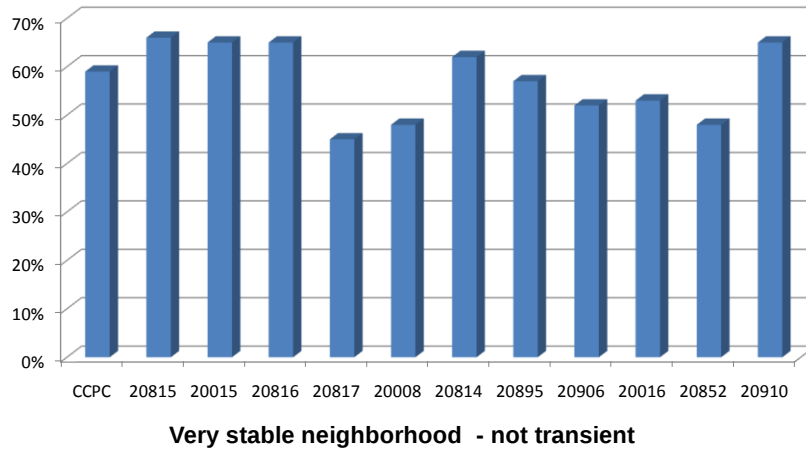


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Our Neighbors Age Profiles

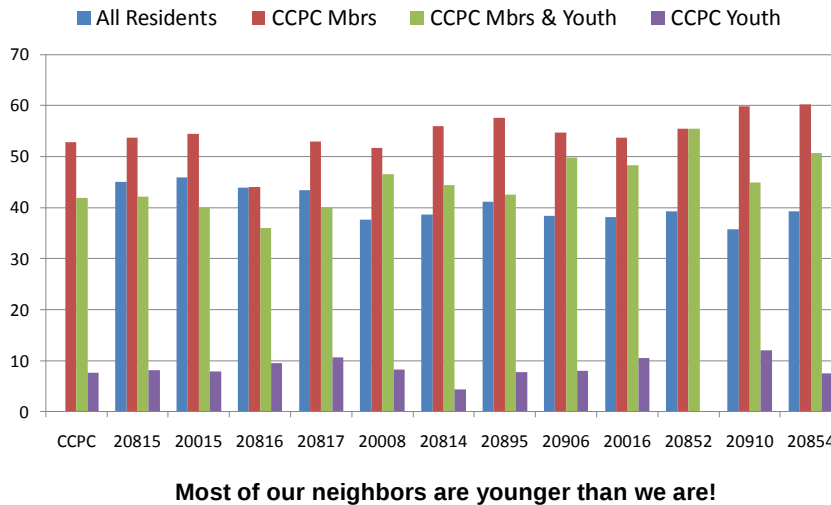


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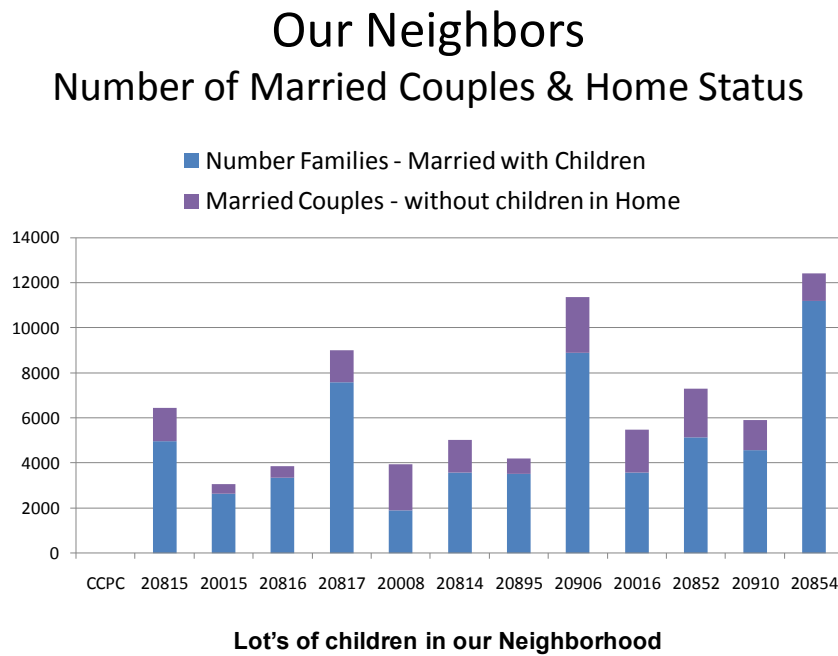


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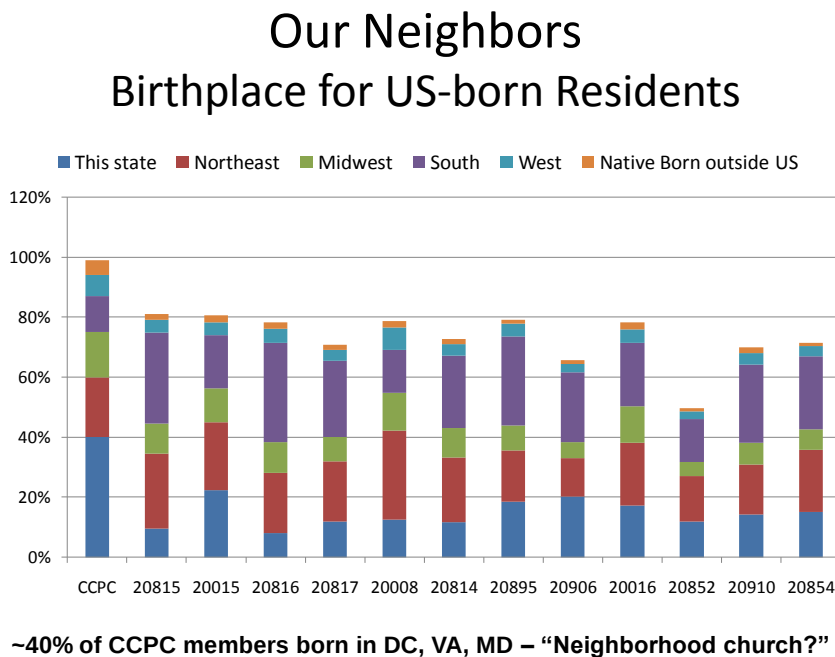


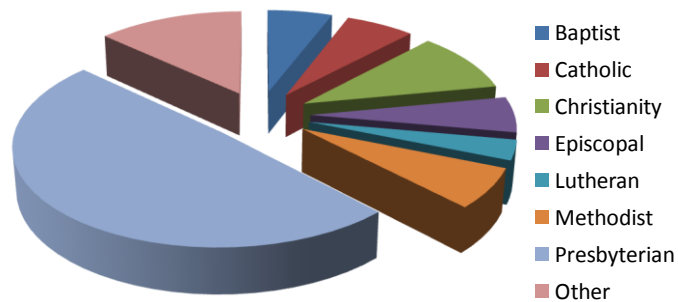
Figure 7 and 8

Our Neighbors Faith Facts– from *Percept*

	Local	U.S.
• No faith involvement	39%	35%
• Moderate faith involvement	29%	30%
• Strong faith involvement	32%	35%
• Prefer “Historic Christian” Tradition	75%	77%
• Prefer a Non-Historic Christian Tradition	12%	8%
• No religious affiliation preference	14%	15%
• Overall faith receptivity level	Somewhat low	Avg
• Overall church style preference	Very traditional	Trad-Cont

We Were Raised in the Following Faith Traditions

- The religions we were raised in -- We’re a mix of theology, liturgy and outlook – surprised?



39% of our neighbors have no faith involvement

Figure 9

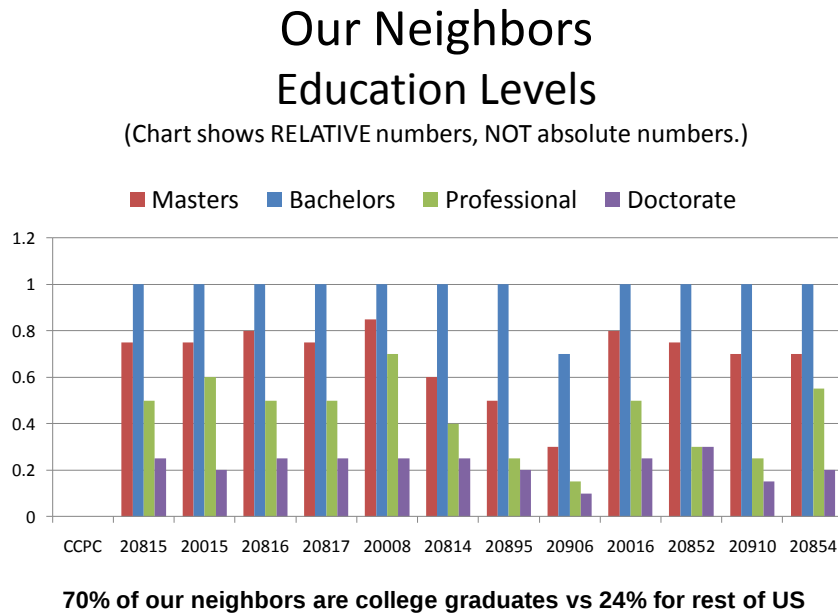


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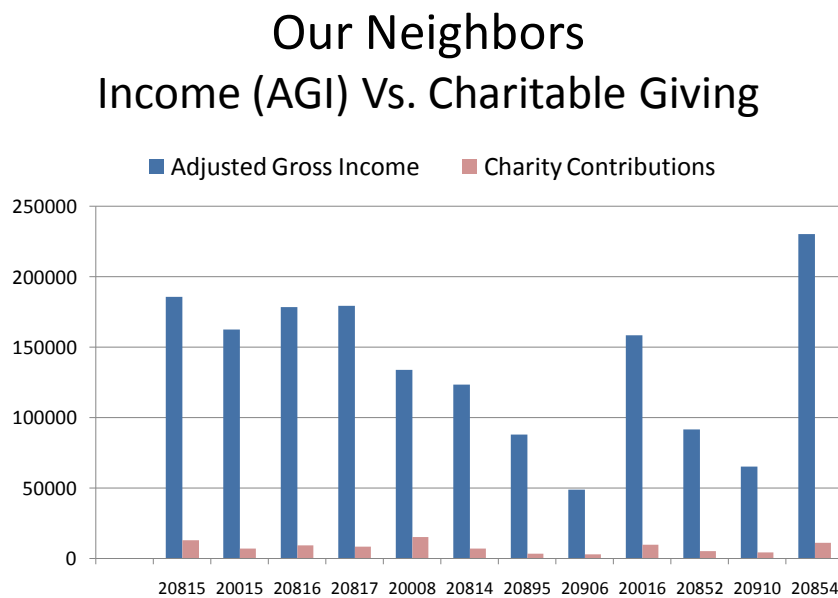


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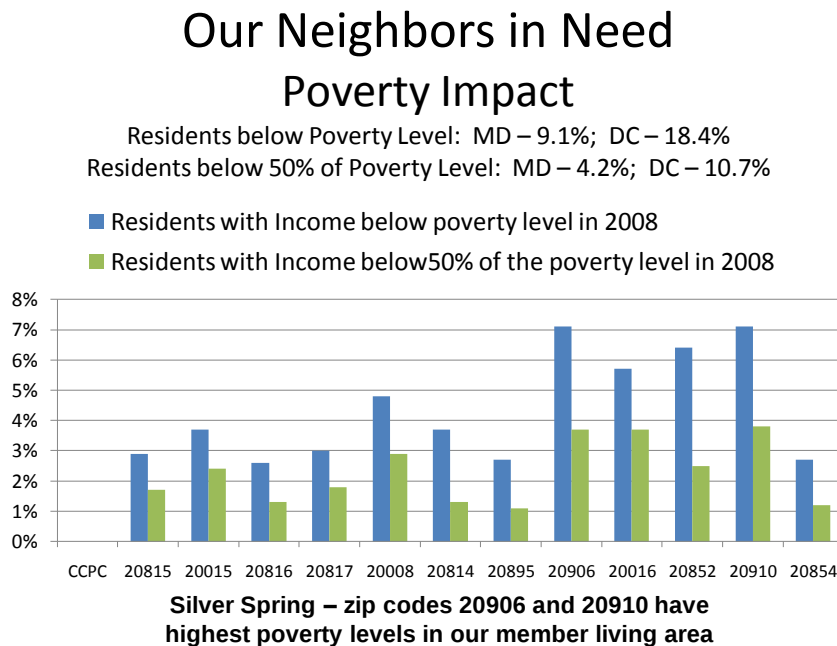


Figure 12

- ### Our Neighbors in Need Homelessness
- Total extent difficult to determine –
 - Homeless shelters –
 - Montgomery Co – at least 28 in CCPC member-area
 - District – at least 24 city-wide
 - 16 in Northwest with at least 2 close to the church
 - Homeless citizens in Montgomery Co
 - 74% have disabilities
 - 27% are children
 - 34% work but cannot afford housing

Figure 13

Homelessness Indicators of Extent & Depth

Age		Length of time homeless	
– < 3 years old	5%	– Less than on week	3%
– 4-17	23%	– 1 week – 1 month	10%
– 18-59	69%	– 1 - 6 months	25%
– 60+	3%	– 7 – 12 months	21%
		– More than one year	41%

Figure 14

Homelessness Lack of Affordable Housing

- Housing Wage – “that amount a worker must earn during a 40-hour week to afford a two-bedroom unit at fair market value”
- Based on a study done in our area several years ago,
 - The “Housing Wage” was \$18.13 an hour
 - At minimum wage, one must work 183 hours a week to afford this housing.
 - They simply can’t get there from here.

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