

## Worksheet: “Priming the Pump” for Our Future Together

At the end of the Executive Summary of the UDECC Feasibility Report appear two reflections: “What We Have Learned and Achieved” and “Visioning Further Progress on Joint Ministries Together.” The broad suggestions in these two sections need further brainstorming from all of us.

It is the Board’s hope that this worksheet will help everyone in the participating congregations expand those suggestions and come up with possible next steps in our future together. We might start by thinking in terms of two areas: **ECUMENICAL PROGRAM PARTNERSHIPS** and **ECUMENICAL PURCHASE PARTNERSHIPS**. May the Spirit inspire new ideas for our life together!

### ECUMENICAL PROGRAM PARTNERSHIPS

**Background:** University District Ecumenical Parish (UDEP) initiatives, new Working Groups at University Congregational Church, and the UDECC report have generated many suggestions for ways to use the ecumenical mission energies of participating congregations. *We could...*

- form small teams of volunteers from several churches, that would offer hands-on help for selected human service agencies in the U District—one ecumenical team per agency.
- develop a Senior Center in one of our churches, staffed by ecumenical volunteers.
- organize an ecumenical youth ministry.
- develop one ecumenical worship service each week in the U District not on Sunday.
- develop \_\_\_\_\_ [What would you like to suggest?]
- organize \_\_\_\_\_ [What would you like to suggest?]
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### ECUMENICAL PROPERTY PARTNERSHIPS

**Background:** UDECC has developed a legal process that our congregations can use to form a Limited Liability Corporation (LLC) to enable us to purchase property together, as well as an Ownership and Governance plan for ongoing decision-making in such an LLC. UDECC has learned that funds up to \$2.5 million may be available from Impact Capital for an ecumenical LLC to use to purchase viable property. Real estate prices are currently very low. *So we could...*

- purchase Alumni House from the UW in order to house human service agencies and/or campus ministries and/or \_\_\_\_\_?
- on 15<sup>th</sup> Ave NE purchase the two houses north of University Congregational Church properties, or the two houses south of University Christian’s houses, and re-purpose them, or raze them and build an adult education center or \_\_\_\_\_?
- partner with affordable-housing entities to purchase property along 15<sup>th</sup> Ave NE and develop low- and moderate-income housing.
- purchase \_\_\_\_\_? [What would you like to suggest?]
- partner with \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_? [What would you like to suggest?]
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**Note:** More ideas will emerge as we talk together. How any one agreed-upon suggestion actually takes form will depend on which organizations wish to participate in the option.