

Five Questions for Congregations

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1. Who are we?

Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

Isaiah 51:1:b

2. What is our mission?

For what purpose has God raised up the people called United Methodists?

2. What is our mission?

The two most important words:

so that

3. Who are the people?

1. Metropolitan Population Centers
2. Diverse Racial Population
3. Younger People
4. Poor People
5. Fewer Married Households

4. Who are *our* neighbors
and what are their needs?

*Who are the people God has
given to us and what are their
needs?*

Who are *our* neighbors and what are their needs?

The common thread that ran through all the traditions from which Wesley drew was a “holistic concern for the well-being of God’s creatures – mind, body, and soul.

Richard Heitzenrater

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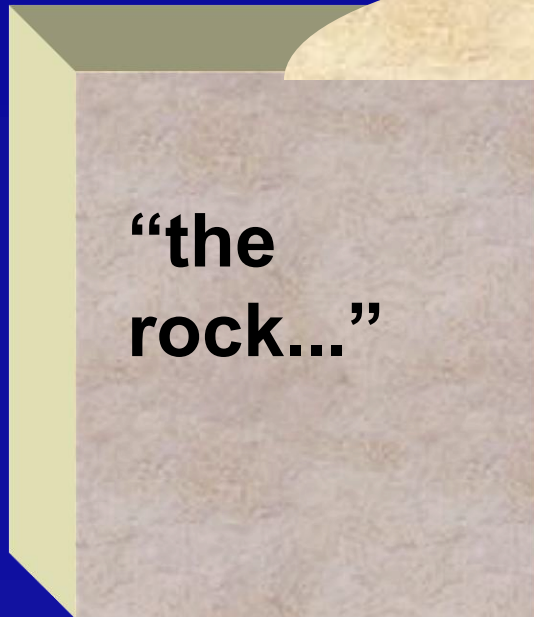
*If your church closed today,
who would miss it other than
the members?*

5. Given our identity and context, what is God's vision for the near future?

“Leadership is helping God's people take the next faithful step.”

Scott Cormode

PAST



**“the
rock...”**

FUTURE



**“the
new
thing...”**