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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Katy Methodist Church votes to Regenerate Facility to Serve Today's Community Needs**

KATY, TX, April 14, 2008 – First United Methodist Church (FUMC) in Katy, Texas announced Sunday, April 13 at their Congregational Meeting that church members, by overwhelming consensus, have decided to regenerate their decades old facilities to meet the needs of the growing Katy community. Regeneration will require a new master plan for the facility to accommodate new technologies, worship and outreach to fill the needs of a growing city and changing culture.

“This is a major milestone for our 110 year old church. First United Methodist Church has been a starting point for many local community services such as Katy Christian Ministries and the Home Delivered Meals program, which serves many homebound members of our community. This will allow us to serve our community more effectively and help many more people grow deeper in faith,” says Senior Pastor Marlin Fenn.

Two years ago a group was formed, properly named the Vision Team, to seek God's guidance in deciphering the needs of the church and the surrounding community. The Vision Team also took on the major tasks of examining demographics, doing local real estate analysis, conducting community research, holding church-wide meetings and monitoring feedback. With the voting process behind them, a new team will be formed to develop future plans.

#### **About First United Methodist Church of Katy**

First United Methodist Church of Katy is a community church where relationships are important. The church's mission is to “build disciples on the cornerstone of Jesus Christ one life at a time”. One of the historical churches in Katy, established in 1898, its first structure was erected in 1904 on the corner of Avenue A and 5<sup>th</sup> Street. Its existing structures were built in 1938, the 1940's, 1961 and 1999. The church is led by Senior Pastor Marlin Fenn, 5601 Fifth Street, Katy, Texas. Sunday service times are 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00 AM. Main telephone number is 281.391.2121. Learn more about First United Methodist Church at [www.firstmethodistkaty.com](http://www.firstmethodistkaty.com)