W. I. G. Wildly Important Goal
First United Church Oak Park Council, 2007

As part of the summary of council discussions and work with consultant Leighton Clark in the second half of 2006 and continuing into 2007, and taking into account discussion at the annual meeting of the congregation in February 2007, the Church Council of First United Church Oak Park voted the following W. I. G. (Wildly Important Goal): "creating and maintaining a framework that nourishes the spiritual welfare of the congregation."

As of October 10, 2007, the following plans and actions have flowed from this WIG.

- An adult education experience is planned for November and December entitled "Soul Feast." This will give participants an opportunity to learn about and practice a variety of spiritual disciplines, discovering which one(s) are most helpful to each person.
- A series of sermons in November and December will be preached on the general theme of "spiritual practices."
- The Deacons are currently writing and producing a devotional booklet for the November/December time, as support and additional focus to the adult education and worship emphases on spiritual growth and practices.
- The Church Council made this WIG the primary "area of focus" for the next lead pastor, giving the Pastor Nominating Committee that priority, so that spiritual growth is to be the primary area of interest (with a proven track record of accomplishment) of the candidate recommended.
- The Faith in Worship Committee has entered into a discussion of various aspects of worship here at First United, with the WIG being an impetus and orienting point for that discussion.
- Committee meetings are now opening with a shared devotional time, with those meetings clustered on the 1st and 4th Tuesdays of each month.
- Deacons rotate responsibility for their opening devotional each month.
- Deacons each take one page of the church directory and connect with the members on that page, including offering prayers for those people.