

10/25/20

Via Zoom Meeting

1. Carole Campbell, Board President, and the Reverend Israel Buffardi opened the workshop portion of the meeting with an explanation of what would be taking place and why. The workshop was designed to explore the purpose(s) of this community as a step toward defining a new mission and vision statement for UUCL.
2. Members and friends present were broken into breakout groups/rooms to discuss what first brought you to the community and what keeps you coming back and then to answer the question, what is the purpose of this congregation? Why does it exist?
3. Upon reconvening from breakout rooms, Brad Weaver then recorded the purposes identified by each group into a document shared so all could read along. Reverend Israel explained that a task force would then be taking these ideas, distilling them, and then presenting them back to the congregation for further input and evaluation.
4. After the workshop portion of the agenda wrapped up, Carole Campbell opened the floor to concerns or questions.
 - a. In considering the mission of the church, Gina Hart noted the importance of distinguishing between UUCL and the programs it houses like AA and Crossroads. How do these programs support the mission of the church?
 - b. Norm Saunders asked about the restoration of the stain glass windows. A consultant had noted the necessity of restoration work needed if we are to preserve and protect the windows. Restoration work would be extremely expensive.
 - c. Suz Boyle raised concerns about accessibility and inclusion for those with some form of disability. She has expertise in this area that could contribute to the task force.
 - d. Carole mentioned the reactivation of the Little Sparrows program to connect with members and friends of the congregation. Several people expressed a willingness to help out. Those interested should contact Carole or Reverend Israel.
 - e. A congregant asked about the status of hiring for a Community Outreach and Communications Coordinator. Reverend Israel reported that there were close to 40 applicants and five interviews have been conducted. Three individuals are in final consideration.
5. With no further questions or concerns appearing, the meeting was adjourned at 1:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Fred Foster-Clark, Board Secretary