NEWS FROM THE MISSION PLANNING TEAM

Over the past several months, the Fellowship has joined together on a journey to explore our values, our beliefs, and our rich traditions as a community of faith. Through wide participation and open communication in Worship Services, Congregational Meetings, focus groups, cluster group meetings, and other small group gatherings, the Fellowship came to consensus on a set of Core Values to which the Congregation is fully committed as well as a list of Bedrock Beliefs that they agreed were essential to us and that we turn to in times of uncertainty and crisis. These efforts are in preparation for creating a new Mission Statement for the Congregation later this year.

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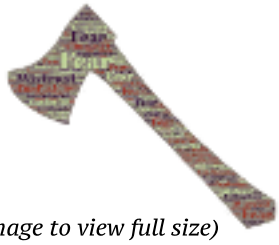
The third segment of this journey, **MOTIVATING VISION,** was introduced by Pastor Tom at the Worship Service on March 29th. He will dig deeper into this theme to further clarify and explain the concepts involved during the services in May and early June. One of the topics that Pastor Tom will be discussing during this time will be individual spiritual practices which not only has relevance to the process of developing our individual and collective visions for the future of the Fellowship, but also may prove quite meaningful given the context in which we find ourselves during these challenging and uncertain times.

Given all that is going on these days, it was the recommendation of the Planning Team, the Board, and Pastor Tom that we slow the original schedule down a bit to allow for a more relaxed pace for reflection in this next segment as we consider where we want to travel together in the future.

As part of these reflections, members of the Congregation will be invited to share their aspirational musings about the future of the Fellowship that inspire and revitalize us to reach new horizons as a community and that reflect the refreshed Core Values and Bedrock Beliefs that we have been discussing. Pastor Tom will be providing additional guidance on the visioning process during the coming weeks as well.



Vision submissions will be printed in the Weekly Bulletin without identification of the author; at the end of the summer, they will be compiled for the Focus Groups to review, discuss, and synthesize holistically and present to the Congregation. We hope to have a rich representation of the hearts and minds and imaginations of our members. Please plan to add your voice to the vision of possibility and promise for Evergreen's future.

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