

Envisioning God's Future for SCC February 2025 Update

Greetings Church!

We, as a Congregation, have begun a process to consider our "Vision" for SCC: What is our role at SCC in doing the work of God within our congregation and the larger community in which we live?

The concept of developing a Vision for SCC was first discussed by Rev. Diane in January 2024 with the Governing Board. Rev. Paul Nickerson, who assists other churches with developing their vision, attended the Governing Board meeting in April 2024 over Zoom to detail the steps of such a visioning process. There was enthusiastic support from the Board members.

Diane then asked Jan Castle, Sue Irvine, Chris McClean, Paul Schur, Ellen Smith and Wes Lang-Rodean to become members of the Vision Team. Wes discerned that, because of his work as Governing Board Chair, he preferred being kept informed rather than being a member of the Team.

The SCC Vision Team will provide regular updates along the Visioning journey. To date this is what has occurred:

- December 2024 The Vision Team gathered for an initial meeting with Rev. Paul Nickerson over Zoom. Rev. Paul helped detail the initial steps onto a visioning journey.
- January/February 2025 *On Sunday January 12th, Rev. Paul visited SCC. He preached about a "breathtaking vision" and then stayed afterward to share more about beginning the visioning journey together. Many people stayed to learn, including our online community on Zoom. The feedback about Rev. Paul's visit was very positive!
- The Vision Team met with Rev. Paul via zoom on 2/4/25 to discuss next steps. *Lynn Brown, Cass Crewdson, Janis Hoyle, and Mike Lake agreed to become our Prayer Team. They will assist the Vision Team and Congregation with prayer as we move through the visioning process.
- Save-the-Date! Please plan to join us for an All-Church Shared Potluck Meal following worship on Sunday, March 23, 2025. Together we will have an opportunity to shake things up a bit as we use some scripture verses to begin our congregational vision discussion. Stay tuned for more details!
- The SCC Vision Team will meet twice a month, once with Rev. Paul to check-in, and once on our own for ongoing planning. As the visioning process moves forward, please consider how our vision will complement our SCC Mission:

"We share in God's love by growing in faith, courageously seeking justice, and generously caring for all people."

Blessings,

Your Vision Team: Jan Castle, Sue Irvine, Chris McLean, Paul Schur, Ellen Smith and Rev. Diane Seaborn