

## March Update

Vision Team Update: Envisioning God's Future for SCC

Summary from SCC Pot Luck Lunch on 3/23/2025:

### What did we do together?

On Sunday March 23 rd , forty-two members and friends of SCC gathered for a potluck lunch. Following an excellent meal, about 45 minutes were spent exploring Exodus 3:1-12 and how an understanding of those verses could provide guidance as SCC moves forward with its envisioning process. Two questions guided small groups' discussion. Some examples of our responses are shown.

1. **How does God give vision in this scripture to God's people?**

By gaining attention through the use of the burning bush. That God would be with Moses. That by having faith in God, all would be well with a move from Egypt

2. **What word/phrase/image stands out as you think about our own SCC vision journey with God?**

That we should be observant, open to discussion and inspiration. That God will be with us through this process. That change will occur and we should be willing to embrace it as the Israelites did as they moved to the "land of milk and honey".

3. **Here is a sampling of some thoughts and questions we raised for consideration as we move forward:**

#### Questions:

Will the vision include the wider community?

Is there a need to define the SCC role versus that of a social agency?

How shall we develop an action plan? Goals? Timeline?

### Thoughts:

- We should be observant, open to inspiration and God's call \* Be certain that the vision and our mission statement are in agreement and support each other, including the highlighting of SCC's stated mission through a banner in a prominent location(s).
- Consider the political aspects that may have to be addressed. How is 'political' defined? \* Change is needed if SCC is to grow and address more of the needs within our community.
- There are many issues that need to be considered: housing, food insecurity, the environment, migrant issues. \* Together we are stronger than we are as individuals.

### What is next?

– On April 8 th the Visioning Team (VT) will meet with vision consultant, Rev. Paul Nickerson, to discuss our plans as we move forward. – The VT plans to use a program, MissionInsite, to assist in defining the area we serve and its demographic information. SCC covers a broad geographic area and as we go through the vision process the "local" area we serve will need to be defined.

– During April and May, VT members will be meeting with various SCC groups to facilitate a shared exploration of scripture.

May God continue to bless the envisioning process at SCC.

Lenten Blessings from your Vision Team,

**Sue Irvine (Chair), Jan Castle, Chris McLean, Paul Schur, Ellen Smith, and Rev. Diane Seaborn**

*"...But walking, which leads to seeing, now that's something. That's the invitation for every one of us today, and everyday, in every conversation, interaction, event, and moment: to walk, not run. And in doing so, to see a whole world right here within this one."*

from "Walk, Don't Run" ~Rob Bell

