

The Zoom Where It Happened
September 2021 Council Meeting Reflection
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The great American educator John Dewey observed, “We do not learn from experience...we learn from reflecting on experience.” This understanding was apparent at the September Church Council meeting when the pastor, executive team, committee chairs, and at-large members discussed *reflective activities* to move FCC forward into a bright future.

Pastor Mia drew on the experience of Covid 19. She challenged staff members to examine their job descriptions and suggest changes for 2022 *in light of present realities*. The staff and pastor will discuss the proposals, which are subject to Council approval. Additional reflection will occur this fall as Council members engage with Pastor Mia in her annual evaluation.

However, reflective thinking doesn’t stop with the past and present, but also focuses on the future. Accordingly, the Council unanimously approved the formation of a Dream Team to imagine possibilities for FCC in the coming years. Chaired by David Greenhaw, the team includes Suzy Besnia, Merissa Doran, Molly Paterson, Lydia Aiken, Damien Richardson, Mark Barlow, Ward Klein, and Ken Blumer, with Pastor Mia serving in an *ex officio* capacity. We thank them for their service!

Dewey believed that reflection led to action to improve society and participate in “the living struggles” of the age. Although he is generally not seen as a religious person, I hope the actions taken at FCC will lead to those results—and more. What an exciting time to be a part of this church family!

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