

Hi all,

As we mentioned at the October 28 Town Hall, the role of the Committee on Ministry is to help strengthen the quality of ministry for the congregation. Our main task is to monitor, on a regular and continuing basis, the effectiveness of the congregation's ministry.

If we think of our mission statement as our North Star, what guides us, what determines the scope of our ministry – to ourselves and to the world outside our walls – then as a congregation we want to understand our ministry in terms of that mission, not simply a grouping of tasks or a set of activities.

The COM's role is to help the congregation reflect on how our ministries of worship, pastoral care, social justice, religious education, and stewardship support our mission of "...shaping the world in our image of love."

We are reaching out to the leaders of committees, boards, program groups, etc., within the congregation to ask you and the other people in your group to share with us how you see your work as supporting the mission. We will be contacting you to find a mutually convenient time to meet. We recognize that you may be in more than one committee or group but that works well because we could then get perspectives on a variety of groups from the same person. Once we settle on a date and time, we will send everyone the two questions we want to ask.

This is our "starter" list. We realize there are more groups to be contacted but we wanted to start with a manageable number.

We will be reporting on the "view from the balcony" as to how FUSW is living out its mission. We hope this assessment will some offer clarity as the congregation develops a vision of the impact we want to have through our programs and services, as a way to energize FUSW and move us forward.

We look forward to talking with you!

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