

Reigniting the Spirit Through Mission, Vision, and Core Values

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When was the last time your ministry truly revisited its mission, vision, and core values? If it hasn't been post-COVID, you may discover that who you were is not who you are now. Unity Spiritual Center of Lansing recently invited our Regional Representative, Rev. Diane Robinson, to facilitate a workshop on Mission, Vision, and Core Values. By the end of the day, we had gained a new understanding of ourselves and our purpose. The best part? The work done by our congregation under Rev. Diane's guidance has ignited a fresh spirit of enthusiasm throughout our ministry. Teams that once felt weary have found new life and energy. Within just 48 hours:

- A new Youth & Family Ministry facilitator stepped forward.
- A master calendar of events was created, with teams eagerly taking ownership.
- A request emerged to establish an endowment fund, inspired by Rev. Diane's Sunday message on the deeper meaning of our new mission and vision. (BTW) this was from an on-line viewer – another first.) We often say children can have “mother-deafness”—and congregations, “minister-deafness.” Sometimes, it takes a fresh voice to rekindle the flame, to help us see ourselves anew, and to breathe fresh air into the life of our ministry.

We are deeply grateful for Rev. Diane's presence and facilitation. Her work has been of immeasurable benefit—and remarkably affordable for the lasting transformation it inspired.