

TAMBO TAKEAWAYS
September 2020

- 1 **SACRED PAUSE** – Worship holds a central place in the life of our faith community. These COVID days have disrupted our routines, our rituals and gathering options. It is time that can be well spent when we use it to reflect, study, pray and look more deeply into the heart of our faith.
 - **TAKEAWAY** – Embrace this time with shared book study, centering prayer, spiritual walks, deep conversations, and reflection.
 - Stay committed through shared worship and other practices that nourish our souls and bring spiritual fruit.
- 2 **GROUNDING IN JUSTICE** - this community of faith holds justice making as a core value. We value our relationship with Tierra Nueva. We want right relations with all peoples and with all of God's world. We seek to be a diverse congregation where all are welcome whether rich or poor, LGBTQ? or straight, black or brown or white, settlers or Indigenous.
 - We want to become an Affirming Ministry and live into recognition of God in all
 - Continue to advocate for environmental issues, food security, housing and peace.
- 3 **RADICAL HOSPITALITY** – Members were inspired by the story of Salmon Arm and how a congregation was able to open its doors to community partners who held shared values. THIRDSPEACE was established to create a space where all feel welcome. Our engagement with Community Dinners and the Extreme Weather Shelter is an aspect of unconditional support.
 - **TAKEAWAY** – What more can we do to open ourselves, and our buildings, to the community? How can we practice radical hospitality in times of COVID and beyond?
- 4 **ELDER ENGAGEMENT** - The community recognizes that we are an aging congregation and that we want to stay connected with those who are no longer able to easily participate in the life of the church. We recognize the wisdom of age and the many gifts Elders offer and can receive from intergenerational contact.
 - **TAKEAWAY** – Expand our initiatives to the elderly to help us all stay connected and able to share their gifts.
- 5 **BECOMING ONE** - While no one imagined that becoming a blended family would be easy, there may be more we can do to ensure everyone feels a sense of identification and belonging.
 - **TAKEAWAY** – Seek ways to engage all members in the life of the congregation and support one another to create new offerings.
- 6 **PROPERTY PLANNING** - Members shared their feelings that the lack of a clear plan for all the properties is holding us back in our amalgamation focus. Council has appointed a committee (POG – Property Options Group) to explore options.
 - **TAKEAWAY** – Mission Priorities and Property Decisions need to be addressed together.