

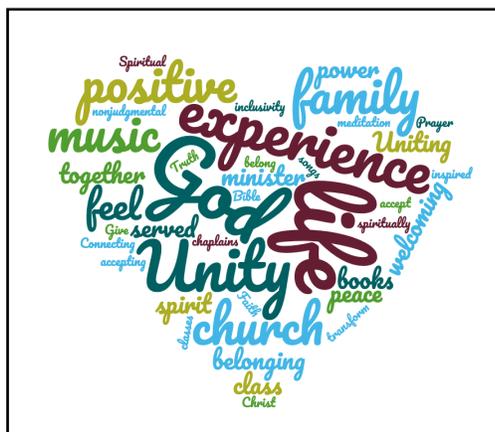
On Sunday, March 14, Spirit called a group of Unity of Pasadena congregants to a Vision, Mission, Core Values Workshop facilitated by Rev. David Mosher, interim minister. This report reflects the results of the combined work done on that day. We ask that you review the work done, spend time listening to your heart and your inner guidance regarding the new vision and mission, use them for the next three months, and see how they fit. After several months we will revisit the statements to adjust them if needed. Attached to this email is a form for you to print and return to the board with your thoughts regarding what would make these statements even more powerful and fulfilling for you. We will happily include your input for possible modification of our vision and mission. Please return your thoughts to the board at board@unityofpasadena.org.

Core Values

Many of you participated in the Appreciative Inquiry in February and March. Part of that inquiry directly spoke to what you the congregants perceived as the core values of this spiritual community. After compiling all the responses, Rev. David took the answers you provided for the questions—What do you most value as a member of UOP? And, what do you regard as the core values you experience at UOP?—and looked for common themes.

Over and over people said in similar ways that they valued how they had transformed their lives by what they learned here at Unity of Pasadena; that they loved being together with this wonderful group of people; they valued the power of prayer and meditation; they enjoyed sharing the spiritual journey together; and they recognized all were part of Spirit working in and through this spiritual community.

Taking the answers you supplied, I created a word cloud which I will include in a email report to you this coming week. What I realized and shared with the people who were participating in the workshop was what you have been using as a missions statement, *Creating Community, Living Love, Teaching Truth, Serving Spirit* was actually your core values – the values that have been at the heart of this community and empowers everything you do. *Creating Community, Living Love, Teaching Truth, Serving Spirit* is what you are.



Word-Cloud reflecting what people most value about UOP.



Combined Word-Cloud with the UOP Core Values

Vision

The vision a spiritual community holds becomes the ultimate destination toward which the group aspires. As such it need to be a vision not for the group itself but rather a vision we can hold for the entire world for we seek to have the world align with what God can create. A corollary belief is that there is great power in holding a belief in common with other people. We then looked at the vision that Unity Worldwide Ministries holds for our world. At the time this vision was adopted Unity World Headquarters at Unity Village also adopted and held this vision. Since that time many other Unity churches and centers have chosen to hold this vision with them. The vision is *a world powerfully transformed by the growing movement of shared spiritual awakening*. After contemplating this vision, the group decided to also add our consciousness to the holding of this vision.

Mission

The mission is how this unique, spiritual community will manifest the vision. How are we going to contribute to its fulfillment? Answering the “how” is our Mission.

Through a process of meditation, listening to our hearts wisdom, sharing with each other and discerning how our thoughts and words fit together, we collectively crafted this Mission Statement: *To transform lives by living and sharing our inner truth of Divine wisdom, compassion and love using practical spiritual principles.*

What a powerful mission Unity of Pasadena is called to live into. This is a mission of transforming lives. It calls each of us into sharing the Divine wisdom, compassion and love that lives within us. This mission calls us into actively using the spiritual principles that Unity teaches and we have learned.

What is next

Now it is your turn. We ask you to put aside all previous perceptions and contemplate these offerings — core values, vision and mission. Sit in meditation and prayer, asking your inner guidance to discern how these are calling forth the highest and best that Unity of Pasadena can be; or not. If your heart is telling you that something is missing, we want to know. We are attaching a feedback form. If the vision or the mission is lacking a vital piece to make it either the highest vision we can hold for the world or the most effective way we can contribute to the vision’s fulfillment, we want to hear. Please print and fill out the feedback form. Return it to the church or send it electronically to board@unityofpasadena.org.

The input we receive will be read and carefully considered. Please know that if the statement does not change immediately, trust that what you put on your paper was discussed and the suggestions were believed to be already contained in the concept of these statements. Also, we are asking that you live with these statements for the next three months; feel how they fit or do not fit the growing energy of this spiritual community. After several months, we will revisit these statements to determine what if any adjustments need to be made to reflect what Spirit is inviting Unity of Pasadena to manifest.

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Mission: *To transform lives by living and sharing our inner truth of Divine wisdom, compassion and love using practical spiritual principles.*

Core Values: *Creating Community, Living Love, Teaching Truth, Serving Spirit*

Thank you for engaging in this work of creating a thriving, empowering, exciting spiritual community. I and the board look forward to what Unity of Pasadena will become with the guidance of Divine Spirit.

Namaste,
Rev David Mosher
Interim Minister