

Weekly Update copy

**Notes from the President:**

This past weekend, the Board enjoyed a Leadership Retreat with our Committees, Minister and staff. We spent a day and a half in fellowship and community, and our facilitator, Sonja Parr (a former Methodist Minister who now lives in Mankato), challenged us to be bold in envisioning our path forward. She challenged us to imagine our “wildest hopes for ten years from now.” The full notes from the retreat are available [here](#), but the short version is that we want to live out our 7 Principles with awe, wonder, mystery—and humility. We want to provide a welcoming space and serve our community and be change agents for justice. We also recognized that we need to do this in a way that is sustainable—spiritually, environmentally, and fiscally.

It was such an uplifting time, to listen and to share with others as we explored the richness and diversity of our responses to challenging questions. But it’s not over. We plan, in the coming weeks, to provide a similar opportunity to as many of you as possible. The Board will be listening, and will use what we hear to guide us as we discern our common direction—and wildest hopes—for the next ten years.