

Mid-Year Meeting January 26 2020 Responses

Q1. What would you do now if you had the money to do it?

- Building
 - (iii) Replace long tables with round tables in Fellowship Hall
 - (ii) Lighter/stackable chairs
 - (v) Improve audio/visual
 - more easily project media/lyrics (and not from projector in middle aisle)
 - better sound
 - recording capacity
 - soundbooth equipment/software
 - hearing loop
 - Replace front sign with illuminated, computer-driven sign
 - (iv) Remodel the kitchen
 - Dishwasher
 - Commercial kitchen (stainless steel surfaces, etc.)
 - Island that is more usable
 - Water heater for kitchen so we don't waste so much water (flash-heater?)
 - Bowls that stack better
 - New furnace
 - (ii) Ramp to chalice & podium for people with mobility issues
 - Open the building to natural light
 - Organ/electric organ
 - (iii) Sanctuary versatility (move away from fixed pews)
 - Coffee bar near library
- Grounds
 - (iv) Outdoor worship space
 - Giant deck overlooking the river
 - Pathway to the river
 - Expand memorial garden
 - Meditation space near river
 - Labyrinth
 - Permanent maypole
 - Pollinator friendly lawn
- Ministries--EdJ
 - (iii) "Sunday Suppers"
 - on different day
 - increase visibility, community service
 - increased volunteer support
 - Outreach to people of color
 - Maybe specific events
 - (ii) More adult programs/speakers
 - More speakers/spiritual leaders
- Ministries—Connections
 - (ii) Hire computer experts
 - QR code for location, information, service info, Principles

- (ii) Communicate that we are here for others who need us
 - PR campaign to educate public about what is a UU
- Neighborhood/block party
- More funding for visibility in community
- (ii) Meeting space with separate entrance for community groups
 - More use of building by community
- Transportation for people who need help getting here
- Ministries—CFD
 - (iii) Expand youth offerings
 - Full time CFD Director for youth and children
- Ministries—Worship
 - More and different music
 - A way to carry aspects of the service with us into the week
 - Sharing time afterwards to help form ideas how to do this
 - Small group ministry/discussion topics on UUA website
- Other
 - Grow the congregation
 - Diversify congregation resources & time increase

Q.2 How do you wish to be known in 5 years in the community/region?

- (vi) Diverse, welcoming, connecting church population—one of the more diverse congregations in the region
 - (iii) ethnicity
 - Gender/sexual orientation
 - Youth
 - More ways to welcome & listen to people of all backgrounds
- (v) Church that stands by the 7 Principles/
 - acts on what it speaks
 - speaks out courageously for what is right and takes action
 - Strong liberal voice on lots of different topics
 - Beyond traditional voice of church
- (v) Church who strives on daily basis to change the world
 - Be that “love beyond belief”
 - Increase individual activists in the community
 - More folks doing volunteer work in community
 - Promoters of love and peace
- (iv) Social Justice—
 - empowering larger community to work for justice
 - resource for community
- (iii) Partnership with other groups to become more collaborative
 - Involvement with Triple Gem of the North—ie, send mediators, not fighters
- (iii) Climate change/climate justice/food justice
- (ii) Humanities series to educate
- (ii) Strong youth programming
- A community where children and youth want to participate and belong when the choice becomes theirs.
- Support for young families
- Where people in their 30-50s come to be “part of the village” and keep us strong in reaching out
- Where people have strong spiritual support for their hearts and spirits so they are sustained to do good work in the greater community
- We are the Beloved Community and grow the Beloved Community in the greater community.
- A minister that collaborates and is visible out in the community helping make good things happen in the greater community.
- Supporting marginalized groups without a voice in the community
- Just be known—more visible