

Explaining Goals, Mission, & Vision
2017 - 2020
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The purpose of this page is to define and distinguish three key terms in planning: core values, mission, and vision.

We began our current planning process in 2017 by identifying our **CORE VALUES**: WONDER, LOVE, SERVICE and GENEROSITY.

We then put our values into action statements, yielding our **MISSION**, the guiding principles that inform all our actions. We have agreed that our mission is to GROW IN WONDER, CONNECT IN LOVE, ENGAGE IN SERVICE and INSPIRE GENEROSITY.

Then, in his May 26 sermon, Andrew challenged us to go further, to make our mission real: “Over the next year, the next three years, the next five years-- what more can we do to help one another grow in wonder? How can we be better at connecting in love --with one another and with our neighbors? What else can we do to help more members and friends -- to engage in service? How can we be a better example to those beyond our walls and-- inspire generosity in the world?” We met at a Congregation Vision Meeting in July 2019, and committees submitted their views of what would let us live our UUFP path more fully.

You will see many of your own ideas, your commitments, written inside the graphic footprints on the back wall of the sanctuary. These small step commitments have begun marching us forward as we develop our vision of UUFP’s present and future.

The most important and popular idea expressed so far was your enjoyment of the like-minded community of our Fellowship. Rev. Andrew has suggested that “perhaps our purpose is community, practicing it as deeply and thoroughly as we can-- both within and beyond our walls.”

The next step is to hone our **VISION**, to visualize what we need to have and do to bring our UUFP mission to life (See document #3 in this packet for our work in the past year on vision).

We deeply appreciate the thought and work that has gone into this process so far. As we meet, talk, and share in January and February leading up to our March 8 “Stay or Go” meeting, we ask you to consider: “Will our current facilities on Youngs Mill support us in carrying out the different aspects of our Vision?”