

**Orinda
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TO THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF ORINDA COMMUNITY CHURCH:

For the past year and a half, OCC has been engaged in a process of study and discernment leading up to what we hope will be some very creative and exciting re-envisioning, re-focusing, and restructuring of Orinda Community Church. We are grateful for your active participation in the eleven learning and sharing opportunities that have been offered to the congregation!

Inspired by what we have heard from you, since last October we have been assembling a new "vision statement" for Orinda Community Church. This has become a lengthy and meticulous project of our committee, as we continue to revise and improve the statement based on much constructive criticism and numerous helpful suggestions from the congregation. We believe that the "final draft" Vision Statement enclosed herewith addresses two of the three most essential questions involved in congregational re-envisioning:

- 1) *Who are we as a spiritual community, and*
- 2) *What new vision is God now calling us toward?*

The third essential re-envisioning question emerges from how we answer the first two, and will remain for us all to answer together in the months ahead:

- 3) *How can we boldly move our church forward in faithfulness to our vision?*

The Church Council has authorized a Special Congregational Meeting following the worship service on Sunday, October 9, 2011, for the purpose of voting whether or not to accept the proposed Orinda Community Church Vision Statement. We are sending out a "final draft" both to encourage you to participate in this important meeting, and also to give each member and friend one more opportunity to offer comments and suggestions.

Once OCC has adopted a Vision Statement, it will serve as our pathway and guideline to further re-focusing and restructuring conversations throughout this fall and winter. We will be soliciting imaginative, original, appealing, far-reaching, visionary, stimulating, ideas from everyone!

Your Re-envisioning Steering Committee:

***Kurt Sunderbruch (chair), Sabine Hathaway, Anne Long, David Milnes,
Susan Russell, Roger Samuelsen, Bob Winbigler, Frank Baldwin (ex officio)***