

October 16, 2010 Meeting Notes

Purpose Statements from paste-it notes

Library

Intentional community

Christian fellowship or community

Community

To have fellowship

Care of each other

To reach out to our neighbors locally and worldwide

A more open and welcoming governance procedure

To make a clearer distinction between “wants” and “needs”

Grace in leadership in and outside of church

To grow in depth and numbers

To establish a vital critical mass

Expand our outreach and programs to be a truly community church

To find the spiritual seekers in our community who are looking for OCC without knowing it

Social justice

Community in service to environment (God’s creation)

Called by God to be instruments of mercy and justice

Social justice

Social action

Social justice

God’s creation

Green church

Helping others in our community and the world

Relieve suffering

Nurture the young the elderly as well as those who are more able to “direct themselves”

Outreach to community and world to relief suffering

To give more help for the homeless

Service

To walk with people through the challenges and crises of life sharing faith/hope/ and love

Spirituality through service

Make the world a better place because of what we do

Service in the world

Committed individuals to serve the needs of others

Study and consider the needs of others—outside our church community

To deepen our serenity and life satisfaction

Spiritual exploration

Evolving as a more spiritual human being

Deepening our practice of Christian faith

Spiritual development

Spiritual guidance

Nurtured and instructed by scripture and prayer and wisdom of our past

Spiritual growth

Study of the Bible—applying it to our faith life

To develop a deeper understanding of our faith
To help us understand and appreciate ours' and others' religions
To help give meaning to lives in a world often devoid of meaning
Grow in faith
Spiritual development through leadership in the community
Explorers of questions of faith
Something regarding growing in our faith
Spiritual development through community and fellowship
Purpose & meaning
Develop relationship with God
To provide a forum for religious and ethical discussions
To grow people of faith who participate in God's work in the world
Spiritual development through music
To nourish the congregation through lifelong learning
Learning opportunities
Take theology seriously
Follow the teachings of Jesus
Personal transformation
Provide opportunities for changing lives—to a deeper level
Additional opportunities for depth of relationship with God
Refill/restore/replenish through faith
To support each other in believing in our values
To reflect our shared commitment to values our church cherishes
To grow in our understanding of Jesus/the New Testament
Sharing our faith with others
To help one another grow in relationship and faithfulness to God
Spiritual formation for adults and young people
Learning to pray

A statement about what we believe about the Bible and how we employ it
Be a light
Experience the mystery of God
Experience the presence of God

To encourage and invite individuals and families of Orinda to share with the members of the Orinda Community Church their journey of faith in Jesus Christ

A significant portion of the congregation is involved in life-changing faith forming work
To clarify and understand our calling as people of Christ
To be reminded that God can help us
To be reminded that God loves us
Grace
Community in service
"Love thy neighbor"
Community support
Community connections
Discipleship
To be closer to following Jesus' path
Have friendship/fellowship/learning with others who are both similar and different than me

Taking the Gospel seriously
Live our beliefs
Be welcoming to others
Welcoming all with God's love
Have time once a week to think about purpose/life/relationships
Openness
To treat others as I wish to be treated
Develop a vision statement
Able to adapt when necessary or modify
Honor and welcome all human beings
To interact with others who may or may not agree with us
Community in sickness and in health/joy and sadness

To offer our members and community a relevant and unique church home
To truly live up to our mission statement in a holistic way
To hold sacred space for Orinda and the surrounding region
Have an antibias mind
Compassion and family-like friendships
To recognize/appreciate God's gifts to the world and its people
Lordship of Jesus Christ
Embrace the teachings of Jesus
Be a supportive non-judgmental community
Share love with those around you
To discover the thread our history weaves in our shared community
To pass forward the values we were given by our church
Opportunity to share life with other believers—faith community
Truly open/affirming/welcoming to all who are interested in attending
Be a welcoming community
Lead with the heart
Creating & kind problem-solving
Intellectually interesting and challenging
Church family connections
Inter-generational connections
Eat together
Social interaction
Fun together
Having fun together
To apply Christian principles in a technological age
Reflection and flexibility
To re-affirm our OCC values
Beauty
Bible centered

Be aware of the wider UCC purposes and choose which meet our criteria
Open and affirming
Followers of Christ
Support/accompany spouse
Worship in community
Developing our faith through music
Music ministry

Music
Worship through music
Music—we're the church that does the classics
To be lifted up by the wonderful music
Creativity/arts/music
Creativity in the arts including music
To show joy in worship
A place to worship
Good programs for youth

Vision Statements from paste-it notes

We will simplify and focus our institutional structure to emphasize spiritual growth and connectedness
More emphasis on outreach in the local community
We will deepen our understanding and experience of scripture
To show a sense of humor in our expression of faith
We will do a few things well instead of trying to do all things bravely
Be creative about problem solving
We will spend more money on advertising in the local media in order to get our message out
We will not hesitate to speak a good word for Jesus
Have an antibiased mind
Study the teachings of Jesus
We will protect and enhance God's creation
Kindness is key
Increased adult Christian education
Develop "expanded family" experience of love and concern
Continue and expand our music opportunities for all ages
Nourish music program
Develop prayer as a more regular exercise for members of the congregation
Continue to develop our Christian faith so that we can reach out to others
Marketing/outreach
Provide opportunities to learn more about the Bible/history of our faith and others
Sharing spiritual growth
Offer training to develop approach to increasing faith
Through scripture inform and challenge our members to give of their financial resources as a faithful response to God's love and generosity
Branding
Expanded lifelong learning presentations
Study the teachings of Jesus as an ongoing process
Take advantage of silence

To increase participation of the congregation in interfaith study and service projects
Interaction/events with other faith groups
We will be welcoming
We will begin and end all meetings in prayer to remind ourselves of our purpose and center in God and God's love
Silence and meditation
Continue the effort to be protectors of the environment
Prayer practice
More time to meditate to deepen spirituality
More prayer time
Adult spiritual formation
Rediscover ancient Christian rituals
Explore Christian mysticism
We will be more discerning and prayerful in determining our call when investing our time/energy/and resources
We will be continually re-forming our church in the image of Christ so as not to become complacent and self-satisfied
Bring other (outside) groups into service projects as has been done with Winter Nights
We will provide opportunities for our members to be actively involved in acts of mercy and justice supported and motivated by a faithful response to Jesus' call to discipleship
Practical prayer
Be courageous about taking a stand
Support risk-taking
Add more to Winter Nights
Winter Nights
Mission and outreach
Service as a transformative experience
Focused list of social action projects
Adapt and modify when we need to
To show by our example our faith in action
Communicate to other individuals/groups outside our church
Upgrade our communication skills and means
To perform individually or as a group acts of faith that show our commitments to OCC's values
To let our actions speak louder than words
Empower ourselves with skills to advance Christian values within and outside the church
Interfaith bridges
Provide challenging opportunities for young people to participate in
Children's activities
Teach tolerance
Service to others

To continue our care and flexibility in encouraging members of all ages
My vision: a church where the local community and those wishing to participate can come to worship and congregate regardless of their faith and learn from each other
Personal growth in the context of community
Classes for parents
Bring others of like interests and vision into our church
Seminars
We will adopt a learning mindset
Continue to offer fellowship activities to bring us together (Candlelight Cabaret/dinners for 9/going to the A's games)
We will reflect and learn
We will distribute and train leadership
Opportunity to reflect and correct
The combining of commissions to narrow focus of outreach and inner church functions
Continue an outstanding music program
To help children to like coming to church
We will nurture and appreciate the young and those less gifted or experienced than ourselves
We will develop a program of adult spiritual formation that will educate/nurture/support congregational leaders
Leadership development
Deepening our faith with opportunities to learn and serve
We will have intergenerational community events
More social activities to promote fellowship
Music variety
"Shift from the mentality of paying dues to the church"—this is good
Social events within OCC
Classical music
To welcome and encourage new members to join us in whatever capacity they are comfortable
Music as a transformative experience
Vision: seeing is believing
Balanced budget/fiscal responsibility
Be open to alternatives
Streamline our structure of five commissions—it demands too many people to fill all the slots and many of the folks don't feel needed and don't know what they are supposed to do—only after we do this shakedown should we invest in serious leadership development
We will practice grace and affirmation in our relationships with one another
Continue spiritual growth—helping us deepen our faith