

Dear Board,

As someone said to me yesterday at the end of service, “wow, we’re really changing and growing!”

Some of it is obvious and spoken of – the great beginning to the Our Living Legacy campaign, the growth of families, babies, and so many others each week. We’ll be blessing 10 babies and children at the end of this month, and welcoming – we think – close to 20 new members at the beginning of May.

But it’s worth noting what might be less obvious but are equally important signs of growth, both spiritual and otherwise.

- The entirety of the new Pastoral Care team attended day long training together and returned with ideas and new energy;
- The Worship Committee has seen the addition of new members, the return of others, and phenomenal conversations;
  - Two highlights of note: Ann Seamann has planned summer services for the second year in a row, complete with Helene saying yes to one more summer of music;
- Mary Alice and FinCom have begun to change the culture here around money. There are discussions happening, big and small, around finances and money. It’s also leading to good and useful discussions about wealth, class, and inequity. Those are all good and important discussions to have.
- The spiritual enrichment class offered on Monday is, before it ever happened, better attended than we had vaguely hoped;
- And there’s so much more of course, from better accessibility to new art exhibits.

For me, all this good work means I can turn more of my attention to larger questions. How can our worship services be yet better? What do the families need to feel engaged, seen, supported? Who are the individuals not being ministered to and what do they need? What are the roles we have in the larger community, and are there opportunities to engage in new ways?

I think you’re seeing the result of this – stronger worship, conversations shifting from “what is needed now” to “who do we want to become,” and linkages inside and outside of our walls too numerous to count.

No matter where the Living Legacy finally finds its top end, your Legacy is being made. Right here and right now. In the ways we’re welcoming, engaging, questioning, and creating space.

With gratitude and excitement,  
Rev. DL