



# *Town Hall Meeting*

*February 21, 2021*

# Agenda

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- Setting up a Breeze account as a Member
  - Notices to be sent next week
- Giving Statements
  - To be sent out Monday
  - Will have info for 2020 calendar year, plus your pledge update
- Ordination of Ann Kadeleck
- “Building our Future” update



*Building Our Future*

# Overview

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- We have been examining what and how we want to be as we move forward through significant transition
- Inputs from the Congregation, Board, Leaders, our Minister
- Through all that we have been enduring...we are together!

# It's All About the Mission

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- *Nurture the spirit* and enrich the mind
- *Foster a reverence for life* in all its complexity and mystery
- *Explore the search for truth* by providing a safe space for the exchange of diverse perspectives
- *Build a spiritual community* dedicated to social, economic, and environmental justice
- *Inspire members, friends, and our larger community* to go forth and make the world a better place

# How We Live Our Mission

Nurture the spirit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We offer worship, small group ministries, music, adult, youth and children's education to build our theology</li></ul>
Foster a reverence for life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We use science, reason, faith and love to form our theology.</li></ul>
Explore the search for truth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We respect our differences and let all voices be heard.</li><li>• "We do not have to think alike to love alike" - Francis David</li></ul>
Build a spiritual community dedicated to justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We support causes and organizations through our giving (Share the Plate), public witness, outreach and education.</li></ul>
Inspire members, friends, and our larger community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We try to live our values in the world each day which strengthens our faith. Belief in love, compassion and justice inspire us to lead a meaningful life.</li></ul>

# What are our Strengths?

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Our strengths uphold our Mission

- *Free Faith* – diversity of thought and beliefs
- *Spiritual Deepening* – we have found our spiritual home
- *Beloved Community* - we like each other
- *Shared Values* – we support each other in covenant
- *Strong Ministries* – Worship, Music and Faith Formation

# What are our Goals?

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Based on the inputs, we want to:

Return to the building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• H&amp;G and COVID Team are in conversation</li><li>• Seek paid tech support</li><li>• Work out how SUUS will present in person and online services and events.</li></ul>
Full time minister	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Best candidates available will be applying for full time positions</li><li>• Board recommends searching for Contract to Called</li><li>• Full time is dependent on the upcoming pledge drive.</li></ul>
Support our current staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To maintain same hours or increase, maintain same benefits is dependent on the upcoming pledge drive</li></ul>



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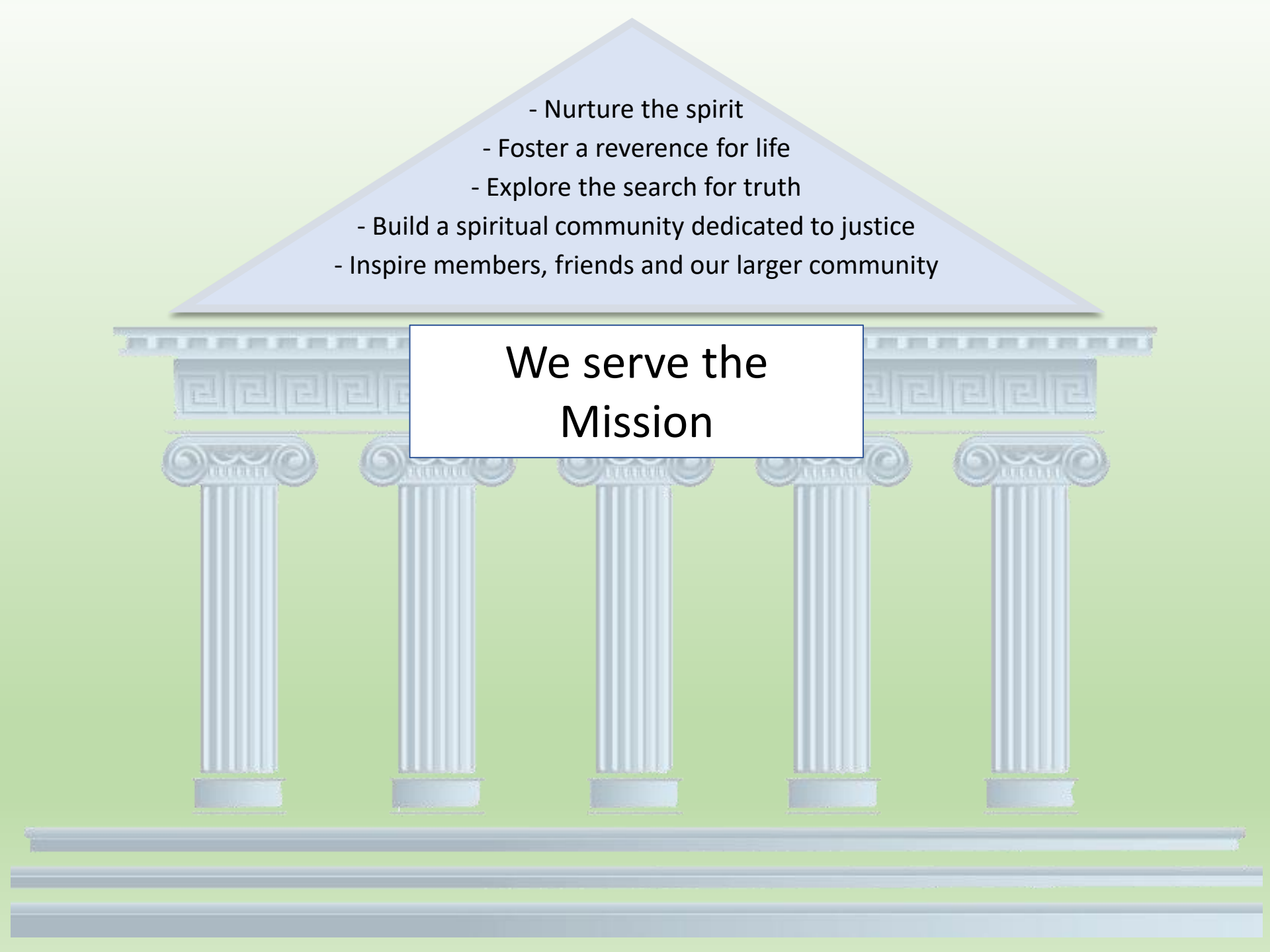
Create new ways of forming connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Quickly integrate new people into our community</li><li>• Help them form relationships with our members and staff.</li></ul>
Enhance the value of our assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review/revise the Endowment bylaws to allow some of the fund to support operating budget, when needed</li><li>• Consider upgrading SUUS apartment for minister's housing</li></ul>
Create a buzz about SUUS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Communicate our unique gifts and strengths to the public on a variety of platforms.</li></ul>

# Building Our Future

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- A church is more than a building...



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# Questions?