

Notes from Council Retreat at the home of Ben and Karen Little, Frisco, CO

May 14, 2022, 9am – 2 pm

In Attendance: Craig Bolt, Christy Reinking, Doug Muschett, Jay Meservy, Catheryn Carlson, Lydia Ziauddin, Julie Cope, Amie Branson, Ruth Hendricks, Pastor Kate Davidson, Ben Little *Excused:* Kevin Clarke *Guests:* Karen Little, Dave Domzal

Council retreat opened with Pastor Kate leading a reflection inviting council to consider meaningful experiences at LOTM, values we hold dear, and hopes for the congregation's ministry. The council then reflected, shared and discussed values. The council also brainstormed wishes and goals for LOTM's future. The values and wishes we identified are listed below.

The council reviewed the congregation's current committee structure, identified leaders for each committee, and made suggestions for consolidating committees that have similar sub-groups.

After breaking for lunch, Dave Domzal summarized the detailed property report and recommendations with the council. Council discussed the report and the need for a capital campaign to cover the expenses need for capital improvements.

Values We Hold Dear:

- *Inclusivity
- *Radical Hospitality
- *Healing for those who have been damaged by religion
- *Communion statement: everyone is welcome here (includes children!)
- *Togetherness in God's Spirit
- *Expansive love: abundance, open-heartedness, outward-looking ideology
- *Honoring Liturgy, Patterns, Seasons, Ritual: multiple entry points such as acolyte

Brainstorming Wishes and Goals:

- Bring diversity into the church in worship and education, i.e., Pastor Carlos as guest speaker
- Connect with Dillon Valley student/community, i.e., "adopt a grandparent"; weekly event for kids at the church after school; Mountain Mentors; Camp Compassion
- Display, present, share values with community: intentional life guidance, i.e., community meal midweek and evening prayer or worship (Wednesday is early release day at 3:05 pm). Needs: bus, shuttle, drivers as it is not safe for students to walk
- Develop opportunities for young families and singles including LGBTQIA+
- Increase LOTM's appearance in Google searches
- Non-weekend worship service, i.e., Holden Evening Prayer, outdoor service
- Honor people's engagement in ways other than Sunday morning church attendance
- Offer save haven, advocacy, education, spiritual resources for mental health and well-being

Submitted in grace by Lydia Wittman