

Live Oak UU Fellowship
Congregational Meeting
July 29, 2012 (2:00-4:00 p.m.)
Parish Hall, Christ Episcopal Church

Peter Hand, President of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order. Kate Hand led us in song to start the meeting. Peter lit the chalice with an opening reading. There were 17 attendees (all members). Quorum was more than met.

Following a brief financial update, we moved to the main purpose of the meeting – to choose Live Oak’s mission and mission statement.

Peter explained the process we had used before for getting input from the congregation. We had come close to consensus at the April congregational meeting. After that meeting, the board again reviewed the materials we had gathered and the input from the congregation. We selected 10 mission statements to vote on using the dot voting system at this meeting. The board agreed that any one of these 10 would be fitting for our fellowship. Below are the choices. (Note: a few had a variation to consider, too.)

1. We nurture the spirit and help heal the world with loving kindness.
or ... We nurture our spirits and help heal the world with loving kindness.
2. We are changing ourselves. We are changing the world. We are doing it with loving kindness.
3. Nourish community, celebrate diversity, bring hope to the world.
4. Moved by compassion and justice, we seek to love one another and create a more perfect world.
5. Guided by conscience, we worship, serve, and celebrate.
6. We change ourselves – and the world – by practicing loving kindness.
or ... We change ourselves – and the world – through loving kindness.
or ... We change the world as we change ourselves – through loving kindness.
7. You will be cared for and asked to care for others.
8. Celebrating life, empowering people, caring about one another, creating a better world.
9. We create loving community through worship and service to others.
10. Act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly on the earth.

The statement that had the most votes – and is now our official mission – is **“We create loving community through worship and service to others.”**

Following a closing song and reading, everyone then had a chance to socialize and share refreshments.