

# DRAFT OF MISSION

## “Leading compassionate lives through spiritual growth and just action.”

Thanks to everyone who shared their thoughts about the draft mission. While the feedback was overwhelmingly positive, a few individuals had specific suggestions about wording. We took each suggestion seriously and discussed how it would impact the mission’s meaning. We also weighed each suggestion against the values and vision data we collected from you this year.

In particular, we want to address feedback about the phrase “just action.” We examined alternatives and considered what the phrases “justice,” “social justice” and “just action” imply.

Ultimately we decided “just action” most accurately reflects the intent we heard from the data: we cultivate justice both personally within our own behavior, and socially or politically through advocacy and action. Our mission should reflect a quest for justice within all aspects of our lives.

As such, we decided to stay the course and we ask the congregation to approve the current draft.

We appreciate everyone’s participation in this vital work. We could not have done it without Peoples people committing time, creativity, and insights to the future of our faith community.

Sincerely,

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# DIAGRAM OF A MISSION

Call to Action	Values Activities	From Vision Event Activities (Envisioning the Future, Ad Libs, Drawings, Mix Tapes, Recipes) that lead to creating a draft of the Mission		Structure
Words	Ranked Values	Goals	Methods	Notes
<i>"leading"</i>	5th	Leadership/interesting resource for all	Ethical conscience for the community	Our "What" for both internal and external relationships How: Building Community Hospitality Caring for One Another Caring for the Earth
<i>"compassionate"</i>	2nd	Ending discrimination	Supporting	
<i>"lives"</i>	1st (community)	Diverse & vibrant multi-generational community	Welcoming community	
<i>"through"</i>	NA	NA	NA	Signals "How"
<i>"spiritual"</i>	4th	Spiritual vitality	Spiritual inspiration	How: Religious Education Worship
<i>"growth"</i>	3rd	Religious education Leadership/interesting resource for all	Learning / growing	
<i>"and"</i>	NA	NA	NA	Connector for Hows
<i>"just"</i>	3rd	Ending discrimination	Progressive force for change/social justice	How: Social Justice
<i>"action"</i>	4th (love) 3rd (welcoming)	Diverse & vibrant multi-generational community Leadership/interesting resource for all	Welcoming community Learning/growing	