



The Spirit of Life Project

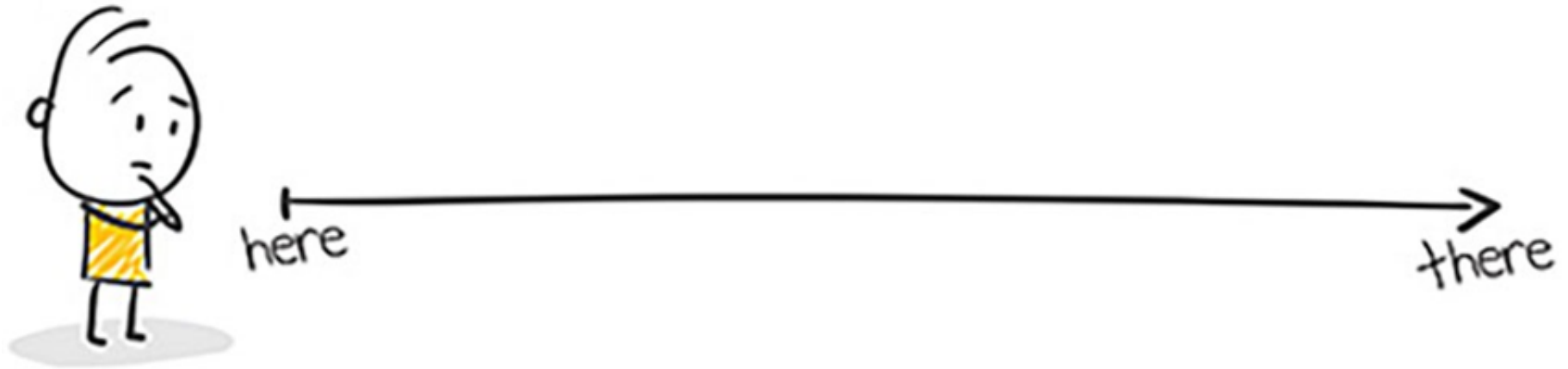
PHASE ONE HIGHLIGHTS, PHASE TWO
PREVIEW

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UUA Covenant

Love is the power that holds us together and is at the center of our shared values. We are accountable to one another for doing the work of living our shared values through the spiritual discipline of love.

Our Next Elegant Steps?



Process



How are we flourishing as a congregation?

What should we let go?

How do we need to grow as a congregation?

What challenges do we face?



Sources of Data Gathering



IN-PERSON AND
VIRTUAL FOCUS
GROUPS



COOK, EAT, & CHAT



CONGREGATIONAL
SURVEY



SUGGESTION BOX



STAFF MEETING



CAKE!!!!



How are we
flourishing as a
Congregation?



How do we
want to grow
as a
Congregation?

Our Congregation is Flourishing

- Strong spiritual community
- Widely-shared perception of openness and acceptance
- Dedicated volunteers
- Post-pandemic resiliency & recovery
- Special shout outs to
 - Music program, pastoral care, work in the community, creating a welcoming atmosphere

Our Congregation Faces Challenges

- Improve outreach and communication!
 - External and internal
- Addressing volunteer burnout
 - Streamline church structure and governance; short-term volunteer opportunities
- Aging congregation
 - Engagement of younger members and families with children
 - Sustaining long-term financial stability and stewardship
- Who are we here to serve?

Opportunities for further engagement

Deeper briefings

Cake and conversation @ social hour

Join the team to help plan our next elegant steps!

Closing Thought

American Zen Buddhist priest Angel Kyodo Williams Sensei:

Inclusivity is not

‘How do we make you a part of what we are?’ but

‘How do we become more of what you are?’”