

Visioning Notes, Gleaned February 2, 2108 during Intention Setting Retreat

What is the highest vision or highest ideal for CSLT in 2018?

Flag, churchyard, fence made from big logs, gravel, felt like a building, but I didn't see it, joy; Stress released, hold to basics; Spread the message, Song: *Imagine*; Laughing McScrooge McDuck sitting on a pile of cash, adults laughing and jumping on a trampoline, flowers in a garden; Practice saying yes, especially when it first appears contrary, contentious, embrace gently, see what shows, happens, doing things differently; Education through community building, CSLT high on a mountaintop but accessible to all; Sunday service, room full, always room for more and everyone is comfortable; White-walled enclosed space, brightly lit and buzzing with activity, A compound (central area) for activity, community, celebration, learning and spiritual practice, location is inviting, embracing, enlightening and engaging for those in community and beyond, yes, permanent address but also ever expanding presence that reaches out and brings in new engagement, all in one place; Song: *Row, row, row your boat.... merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily, life is but a dream*, on to perfection now, Gregory stage all lit up with people singing; Excitement ramping up like a jet engine, Bluth at the Banana Stand (from *Arrested Development*), our dirt connecting to the cosmos (direct to blue sky), Gumby/Claymation weird giraffe/horses; Hands working together, laughter, engagement, entanglement, golden balls of light.

First synthesis/distillation: Dreams coming true each week; People sharing joy, laughter, a place to gather; Joy, yard with happy people, laughing; Courtyard, fence, groups of people, community, comfort, engagement, joyful; A feeling of cohesiveness, Joy, expansive, people, space, beauty, imagination; Joy & expansiveness, perfect space with people & music; Everyone just gets along :-), sharing in connection; Celebration space for engagement, joy, light, learning, ever-expanding community; Engagement, open space, teaching, acceptance, joy; Pleasure, space, laughter, activity.

What changes, evolves, becomes or releases as this vision comes into existence?

Many people holding hands in intimate, intricate type of circular movement, joy, expressing God as Love, blue birds and windows; free flow; Acceptance; Big open padlock, open gate, book entitled "New History", shades of green; Perspectives rise, ideas break open, create new activities; Open the doors, open the windows, let in the sun, shine, shine, shine, As a Center, always able to change for something new and better, with agreement of all; Current location to a new location which eventually leads to permanent space, Evolves in presence and participation in Tucson and Southern Arizona, newness more defined and recognized, release holding on to the past; Scene of Gregory locating fading to red, chime of a doorbell, we stay afloat in abundance; Energy flow plus, positive convergence, cleared land; Bursting at the seams, expansion.

First synthesis/distillation: Open doors, open gate, newness, release, openness, movement; Joy, openness, change; Keeps getting better and better; Excitement; Growth, movement, (infinity or Mobius strip), sun, open, change, Open doors & gates, windows & locks, different location, new; Expansion; Flow, openness, new history, movement; Open gate, flow, convergence, open doors, windows, release, free flow, bursting at the seams; Expansion, greater presence and participation, bursting, changing, releasing old; Rising up, breaking open, joyous, rhythms, *simpatico*; New history chosen together, bigger, better, awesome, joyful.

What's mine to do, be or become?

Providing connections, joy; Release old boundaries and fears, practice letting go and allowing; Interact, on eagles' wings; Master gardener, rows of vegetables in raised beds, library with large open windows; Increase in loving, courage, ask good questions, create real dialogue; Law of Attraction, allow and release. I open myself, I accept my greatest good; When called, do what I can to be of service; Greater participation, service, creating, joining, facilitating, and expanding with the CSLT group as a whole, move involved; Hand outstretched = Be Peace, "follow"; Build, sculpture, stay present; Open & focused, "bigger".

First synthesis/distillation: Open, allow, greater; Open, attraction, participation; Growth, expansion, openness; Openness, greater good, allowance; Open, become, be, master; being best self <3; Interactions, joyous growth, rapid movement; Stay open minded; Be of service, as much as I can be; Connections, release, open and allowing; Increasing involvement; Allowing growth, reaching out; Be present, be connected, be engaged, be courageous;

Is there anything else that wants to be known, realized or understood?

Swatches of blue & yellow, gorilla, joy; *Que sera sera, Que sera sera*, don't fret, don't constrict, don't structure to old ideas; Five nickels equal a quarter; Being increasingly self responsible, courageous, sacred break through; CSLT opens, allows and accepts its greatest good; Nothing is holding this back, Anchors can be released, habit is not a reason to continue anything, change is celebrated, transition to become; Field of corn rows under the moon, open book, vigil or 40 days and nights; Beautiful spring day, connection; An open gate to an open field.

First synthesis/distillation: Openings, moving new spaces; Open, courageous, whatever will be will be great and perfect; Expansive, healthy movement forward; Open, try on new ideas, let in, accept unexpected; Open, growth; Nearing completion, few loose ends; Field, open, liveliness; Open, transition, letting go; Release and let go, trust, openness, joy, beauty; openness, newness, release, strength, green=growth.

Collaborative Synopsis/Synthesis of All Observed Patterns:

Openness, Growth, Movement & release, Uplift and joy, Interactions, New story.

Additional Thoughts Saturday Morning on Friday Night's Experience

Different people have different definitions of "openness", and how that idea shows up varies widely
There was an apparent willingness to let go of what was. New History ==> New Story
The idea of the combination of Release and Opening was showing up everywhere.
Bursting open.

There was a lightness evident in the room, a willingness to 'cut the anchor (chain)' and see where we go
Big change might mean some deselected being part of our community, and that has to be OK.

Visualizing who/what we would love CSLT to be or become.

After several moments of silence, these are the words that were spoken into the room.

Haven	Pomegranate (visual of the	One Space/Our Space (not just
Nurturing	seeds in the fruit)	the physical facility)
"Modular"	As an Alternative	Full circle of participation
Self-sustaining	Mindful	"Walking our talk" within
Community	Diversity	CSLT and in the greater
Bountiful	Feeling safe and connected	community
Families/Youth	Open, Safe, Accessible	Integrated Embodiment

After several iterations, and a discussion about keeping the 2017 Covenant and amending it, or declaring it complete and starting fresh, the group decided that the covenant had served its usefulness. It was time to create something new. We sat in silence, thinking about all we had imagined and gathered and then collected the ideas. We built on the 'What We Would Love' content as a group, and added additional thoughts, using the synthesizing and distilling practice we had been using over the course of the weekend.

First gathering of thoughts:

New story	Abundant	Expressing God as	Diversity
Spiritual	Thriving	Love	Growth
Accepting	Open	Thoughtful	Mindful
Creative	Leading by 'walking	Forward looking &	Sharing
Leading by doing	our talk'	forward moving	Integrity
Nurturing	Inclusive	Courageous	Joy
Sustainable	Serve	Harmonious	
Accessible	Inspire	Enriching/educational	
Bountiful	Alternative	Supporting	

First distillation/synthesis:

Inclusive, thriving, inspiring, enriching, forward; Spiritual, Open, Forward moving and looking, inclusive, abundant, educating; Spiritual growth, Love, Joy, Abundance, bountiful; Spiritual, abundant, creating, serving, openness, joyful, demonstrating; Open, spiritual, creating a new story of diversity and sharing of bountiful growth; Inspired action, bountiful, joyful, new story, harmonious; New story, open, growth, bountiful, educational, spiritual, forward moving; Expressing God as Love, supporting and expanding within and without; (Creative) fresh spiritual leadership and nurturing for burgeoning personal and communal growth, inclusive of all.

Final synthesis:

Our Credo for 2018. CSLT inspires and celebrates spiritual expression of joy as forward movement and growth in open, accepting sacred space, expressing Life and Love, inclusive of ALL.

Our areas of focus for 2018 (in addition to those from 2017, there will be overlap with the 2017 programs)

- Getting clear on actual, practical, innovative/alternative construction techniques that are available, feasible and applicable to our climate in Tucson. Dick Laird takes the lead on this.
- Encouraging and supporting the expansion of our small groups/home circles, to reinforce that feeling of community, while still allowing us to grow beyond our present size. Mariann Moery takes the lead on this.
- Expanding our education program, and our 'reach' by creating online classes, and encouraging the development of an online community. Initially this is strictly educational offerings, but likely will be expanded. Rev Janis has an online class in the planning stages that begins February 27. Carla Hodge assists.
- A twice-monthly meditation group (there is potential to have more than one group, and have them across town, different days and different times). This idea is only a glimmer, and all details to be worked. Leah Hamilton has been wanting to start a peace meditation and takes the lead on this.
- Creating youth church -versus- simply babysitting deferred to the Board for discussion.

The Intention Setting was complete and the group adjourned to the 22nd St property for the Practitioners' Property Blessing.

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