

## Accessing the Vision -- Sunday, January 20, 2019

What is the Highest Vision, Highest Ideal for CSL Tucson? (What is the sensory experience of it?)

I see a big table full of natural abundance (talents, creativity & fullness), Everyone full and content; I like it the way it is, I feel great every time I'm here; My spiritual home would be loving, non-judgmental. A place to go for spiritual food and peace/calm. Mind opening & expansiveness; Grow in people and spirit, Open minds, Visuals, Sound; Spiritual Disneyland - beautiful, clean, welcoming, energizing, lots of activities, places for worship, fellowship, classes, retreats, kitchen/dining/classrooms, meditation room, small venue for music/concerts (coffee house); Community, support, warmth; A vibrant fully-funded Center of love, light and spiritual growth that embraces all. Well known all over the world, feels light, easy, not complicated, attendance 75+; Place that each person can connect to good in them and bring into the world; Community connection with other CSL centers and with other spiritual groups; A place that I am enthusiastic to attend regularly, the people are friendly, welcoming & non-judgmental; A place that supports my evolving spiritual growth in a kind, loving, nonjudgmental community with Light and music streaming in; Warm and welcoming, with love, prayers of community available before service, 1-2 minutes of quiet with someone one-on-one, small sanctuary with candles, harmony, rituals; Snowflakes, warm, breath, sunflower (seeds and petals), growth, wonder, process, beautiful pattern of seeds, seeds of nourishment; Sense of family, diversity, being touched in my heart, outreach in Tucson; Feels like LOVE -caring, sharing, ever-expanding group of 'perfection'; A safe place to learn how to grow an extend that loving, accepting experience in our lives and the lives of others; Spread the word, words of wisdom. This is a system that works in today's world, very flexible; Love unconditionally; To respect and love one another; Respect, courtesy, acceptance for all with no bias due to skin color!!!!: I vision an auditorium that is packed. Everyone is standing up clapping. They help each other in their daily life; To gather people in a loving, sacred space where everyone welcomes each other with smiles and hugs and acceptance, all with common purpose; The philosophy of this teaching, connection, elevation, love, putting it into action, experiential growth, community; Daily meditations, frequent exercise and nutrition classes, abundant finances, morning outings to fun places; Caring, unity, community; More community/potluck gatherings - social interaction; Warmth, a place of honesty, truth & welcoming, a place where our spiritual truth is taught; CSLT integrated in the community & the world with events and activities that introduce people to themselves in wonderful ways; All stepping up to bring more activities that build community in CSLT to draw better and better #s of people & more like-minded people to CSLT; The highest vision is one of joy and peace in celebration, internally and externally, a wedding of personal spiritual clarity and community action - social action, compassionate action, whenever, wherever called, bringing in more members; To be there spiritually for Any and Everyone, Very vague, but open enough to be something for Everyone!!; High towers pointing up, the Taj Mahal; Drop all preconceived ideas and judgments, so that you would sense everything as if for the first time, be it sound, taste, etc; A welcoming space for learning and expansion of our spiritual growth, nonjudgmental spiritual community; A place of pure welcoming. I want to smell the incense, see a person smiling big and hear the beautiful music; Peace, community, connection to source, manifesting joy and satisfaction; A place of warm welcoming, a place to feel a sense of belonging with like-minded people, to grow the community, to grow spiritually as an individual and a community; To sense/feel the energy/spirit of the collected and sharing of same; Community; More quiet time & prayer, morning & afternoon classes, forgiveness, mindfulness; Bunny running down a path, through an archway in a wall, new property, community center; A sense of complete trust, Yellow, tastes like sunshine, Blue, feels like a breath of fresh air, the bells are ringing, a courtyard with running water; Transformation, transcendence, healing; A spiritual village of peace, love and joy, reaching out and welcoming all, with open hearts. A center where we can open up our hearts to the love & joy within and within all we meet. Welcoming, judgment free, smells of sage incense, sounds of joyous music; Bigger base of diverse members/community, more openness

of energy, already have solid base of inspiration, which is good; Calm, peace, meditation spaces, quotes on walls, flowers, welcoming, greeting, overstuffed chairs available to talk with others, incense.

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

More people want to sit at the table & it gets longer, more visions become visible; I love Rev J's messages and I love the music by different people that come to sing here; A feeling of more connection with the Divine; Talk more about this philosophy, be happy, enjoy the life, positive, 100%; Additional funding, enthusiastic members, architects, artists, for a beautiful, aesthetic, welcoming, joyous &/or peaceful spaces; More involvement, more opportunity, little bites (loaves & fishes); An openness to change things around just because its been done that way for years, it's OK to try something new; Not been here for a long time. Part (of the shift) has already happened with Rev J taking over for Rev D. Less about selling Science of Mind books, more about friends helping friends being their best; The people at the Center display a commitment to growth; Ideal place for service, education, potlucks in/area; A cozy home of our own, and small kitchen, with sitting area; Expansion, inclusion; Outreach to bring in a more diverse community; It's here - just needs more loving folks to play roles in growth; I am the one who has to shift and extend more commitment and love into the process necessary for the growth of our community; More people = more energy; Attitude; If someone speaks to you, speak back and not ignore; Acknowledge and return greetings, smiles, "hello, good morning", etc; More and more people here & helping each other; Show up! Be present! No matter the building - there we are. To be with those who are thinking as I do; How do we support one another in walking the walk?, who do we 'be', we become caring, connected, community; Open to fresh ideas, places, attitudes!; Peace, understanding; More harmonic music, drums & electronics are harsh & too loud, cannot hear the piano; More classes into the bigger community of Tucson, service to Tucson, more collaborations with other organizations; CSLT is open to creativity, engaging with themselves, living the teachings and playing wonderfully with all who desire to participate; Expressing, open to activities, like drumming circle and/or ?? Not scary to do; Expansion of our community involves reaching out into the community as CSL members in expression; For each person to look inward to open their hearts and soul to healing themselves and to be there for others!!; Slow moving river bringing water and food; You have to experience this as an individual; Opening the mind to new awareness of possibilities; A pull occurs and more people enter the community; Receptive; A willingness to commit/belong/invest/and grow, a change/shift of mind and an effort to carry it out; The sense of awareness & retaining of knowledge; Support; More free spiritual interventions, prayer with practitioners during service; Tree/trees: new locations (not current property on 22nd), desert landscape, a wash, vacant lot, a new lot!, cactus & rocks; A shift from resistance to the realization that everyone matters, that I matter, integral = integrity; Inspiration, peace, joy; More openness, more trust, more presence, more peace; My mood becomes full of joy and peace, my mentality shifts to a much more positive one; Willingness to actively participate, share, more friendships, more gatherings; Financial abundance, move to permanent home.

What's mine to do?

To be bold and in the front and say yes!; Continue to be happy & loving & kind & supportive of all that's asked of me; Allow the trust and then the magic to unfold; Talk more about this philosophy, be happy, enjoy the life, positive, 100% and share my knowledge, be more; Share my ideas, provide my expertise in art-related things & decisions, help with fundraising; Slow, stop, 30-seconds attention, be here; Give of my time, tithes, and talent. Be open to be the change I wish to see at CSLT; Not sure; Participate; Show up & volunteer to help in ways that suit me, Commit to spiritual renewal; Support financially; I could offer to pray with individuals or hug them happy, maybe we have a welcoming committee?; Sharing, being; Volunteer in the community; Live love, continue to learn that I'm God incarnate. Take classes for new thoughts; I need to change my mind, so these things come about and adjust to what is necessary; Walk the walk, Reread SOM annually; Commit;

Continue and hope a change will come; "Be" who I am as a spiritual being <3, release all fear and need to control and dominate others; Be available to help & serve in ways that work for me; Be welcoming to everyone in my life - whoever I meet, no judgment - listen for someone searching and invite them to my spiritual home; To be open & open hearted, be the change that I would like to see; Lead fitness & nutrition classes; be open, friendly, helpful, sincere, opening to yes; Willing to help with social/class gatherings & potlucks; Invite more to this community, live out the spiritual truths; Collaborate, coordinate, create, share, innovate, imagine, play with as many people that want to play; Allow myself to be open for new activities that want to be lead for CSLT community; To sell CSL individually through my expression of the Divine with the Tucson community - in thoughtful compassionate action & involvement; To be there for others will set me free as well!!; A juggler, tossing various objects into the air and catching them; Practice it as an example to yourself and others; To share with openness of mind and spirit and in turn be open and receptive to others' insights; Be a part of the vision and incorporate teachings into my daily journeys; Participate, be present; Mine is the willingness to commit to community and be a part of its growth and betterment; To share this presence; Practice this teaching; Communicate my visions to minister; Show up, architect, be prosperous; Step up, consistent affirmations; Stay present, open, 'be' in oneness; Be open, be present, just keep showing up to be a member of this journey we share, open, secure; Embrace the teachings; Take the first step to being involved, volunteer for something; Tithe, Board work, youth program, welcome bags for kids.

Is there anything else that wants to be known?

Be as kind to new people as you can. Make them feel wanted; Grow more in wisdom with God, Never back up, Always look forward, learning new things and practice!; Additional Rev J's, as needed :-), Unlimited abundance (no worries or concerns for funding), spiritual guidance/counselors available; Mentor, each give & receive; Teaching based on the full use of Ernest Holmes, who uses the Bible a lot in his work, not so much here now; Many have divorced the gods of religions that have hurt them. They are bitter and searching for community. Developing a more flexible definition with the god thing will open new markets; Should we consider joining with another CSL/Unity community?; Classes are important, we are on our way; A service during the week that is shortened to include sermon only; Continued guidance from Rev J, practitioners to help her; That we are all worthy to be a part of this and are loved for doing it; Marketing the Center, Have Science of Mind book available at all times and places; God loves us all and so do I; Keep casting off layers of non-authentic roles, identities, labels, to reveal truest self/soul/loving nature and simplest basic denominator = love, living in the moment and presence of 'now'; All is good; I 'see' a gathering place for more than Sunday, where like-minded people do normal things; Faith that it will be done as we believe!!!; Love in action, courage to be free, technology that supports oneness & connection; More people holding access to their Divinity and bringing more light to wherever they go; We are navel gazers!; That you are willing to be part of ...whatever!!; A passenger train chugging by, smiling faces looking out the windows; There is a limit to what can be put into words; That there is a 'oneness' in belonging to a like-minded spiritual community; Connection to source; Acceptance; Monthly or more communion, bread and juice; Lumber (2x4s), building? bamboo growing, a woven basket; Bliss, illumination, joy, divine wisdom; It's all good, it unfolds as it will, it's all good, know this is so, and so it is.; Consolidate with another group with a permanent home, leading to growth, expansion, families; The Divine is all powerful, cannot be stopped, our home develops now.

56 persons present, 49 persons participated.

## Visioning Notes from Community Envisioning -- Friday January 25, 2019

What's the highest vision or highest idea for CSLT in 2019?

A comfort zone with a sense and feeling of transcendence!, of elevation, communion!, community, a colorful vortex of energy; Activity, people in and out, a four-leaf clover, the stem was the sanctuary, the leaves were class & activity rooms; A place to come, share m commune, expand and be of service to ourselves and the larger community; Sunflowers in a field, smell of popcorn popping, green ribbons; Smell of baking cookies, soft lights, open field, steps going higher; The Statue of Liberty, Song: My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty; Vertical arrow pointing up; Community, lavender (plant), calming, peaceful, joy, fun, great gatherings; Bold, clear, loving; Sparkles coming out of the top of everyone's head, water flowing, rabbits running in a field; Peace, quiet, centered; Love, warmth, ease, acceptance, circle of people holding hands, open arms, hugs, inclusiveness, bright yellow sun; Wide open spaces, rainbows, brilliant sunshine, puppies (joy!)

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

A cozy, sacred space, vision, belief, believe; No one formula works for everybody. Location changes with multiple rooms; Awareness, sensitivity, listening and exploring more; Rain showers, smell of wet creosote bushes in the desert; Relationships change, movement, hands touching, hearts touching; I see things from the top of the mountain now, fears dissolving; Openness, fear of unknown evaporates; More open, inviting, blue, involvement; The next step happens, unexpected and illogical; Water turns into energy, brain is wiped clean with a cloth; Tall; Climbing up a rocky hillside, long grasses blowing in the wind; A blue door opens, happy people around a table;

What's mine to do, be or become?

Vision, Devotion, intercession, intersection; Strengthen trust to follow inner guidance, however illogical it may seem; To hold the vision of expansion, expansiveness and the spiritual evolution of everyone (all); Buffet table with steam rising from containers of food; I am to be (part of) foundation, giver; I'm OK just the way I am; Acceptance; Open, light, joy-filled, peaceful, aware, pink, <3; To be as bold, forward and creative; To be more willing, become more (open doors), multiples; Present; Here I am, Wading in a warm ocean, smiling, settling in; Yellow sun, lollipop= sweetness, attractive, waterfall;

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

Congeaed into a multicolored plasma, already part of the universal life force; Energy is real and powerful, Use it!; All evolving towards loving oneness, releasing separation, openness; George Winston playing piano "Winter"; Path of gradual ascent; I see the wind blowing the snow around, I'm in quiet solitude as I watch, As I grow, the Center grows; Receptive, patient, non-judgmental; I have come through time and space to be here now; Fields full of flowers; Blue polka dots, hearing clearly, heightened sense of awareness; Open book.

13 people participating.

As Each Of Us Grows, Our Center Grows

## How did people find us?

Most were invited by someone they knew (80%) **Personal invitation is Key!**

Other ways: Yellow pages, Books, Roadside advertising, Recommendation by psychic.

## What We Do Well... (in no particular order)

Group 1	Group 2
Warmly welcoming, before services & during host time	Welcome new people & regulars
Music	Great music
Ernest Holmes message	Myriad of great classes
Communication, always improving	Compassionate Heart
Newcomer Table at potluck	Hanging out at the monthly potluck
Express joy & positivity	Sunday celebration and Rev J's reminders
Ok to express who we are (get up and danc, clap, etc.)	Attitude of gratitude - Volunteer party & donor recognition
Consistency, familiarity, structure can be good	Volunteer spirit & action - pick a project and we are 'there'
Bookstore... availability of materials	Ask and we shall give as adults (response to end of October message)
Classes/education	As Rev J changes and teaches, we are open and growing, mutual trust and support
Parties (when we have them) are great	We do transparency very well
Sundays - Flowers, decorations, setting, staging	We laugh well and often
Office space - highly functional	<b>We hug!</b>

## What we would **love** us to become...

- visible and well-known in Tucson & beyond (so more people can have this)
- well-funded, well-attended, and well-known
- open, dynamic, diverse group of people expanding the message of inclusivity and active, attractive representation of the divine (or Divine)
- indispensable... in service
- expanded (numbers) of groups of groups
- communal expression or talents and treasures
- prosperity fair, community bulletin board (a different way?)
- vibrant youth program (loving, caring, capable, trained teachers)
- healthy practitioner core
- 'pretty'
- serene, inside and out
- have a home space/kitchen
- wide and deep  
located where people can drop in and use the library
- savvy marketing - how do we tell 'our story'?

## Revising our Credo

Our (CSLT's) Credo for 2019: CSLT inspires an celebrates spiritual expression of joy as each moves forward in open, accepting, sacred space, expressing Life and Love, inclusive of ALL.

## What's next for 2019?

- Increased visibility for the Service Teams we presently have. Wendie (A) to take the lead in making a poster that can be displayed each Sunday. Would be useful to have a team member (of one of the teams) to stand nearby to answer questions that may arise.
- Sharing Our Services (SOS) - How do we share within our community the talents and treasures we already have? Jeannie (G) & Tom (B) to take the lead in creating a 3-ring binder which anyone can use to identify what they can give, as well as what services they'd love to have. Each provider designates (or at least decides for themselves) how generous they feel that they can be with their 'free' services.
- How and where do we 'tell our story/stories'?

### Tentative Action Plan:

#### 1. Gathering existing stories

Identify and invite first 'handful' of story-holders

Prime them with 4 questions (What brought you here, Why do you continue to attend, What have you gotten out of your participation with us, What gifts do you get ... and give?)

Seek stories with action, full of life, (who, what, when, where ...) ... Highly personal. 250-300 words and having a recent photograph would be a plus

Training on writing the stories might be needed/desired

Do teams also have stories to share?

Use stories for newsletter feed, Facebook feed and website!

#### 2. Potential new places of connection:

- Humanitarian/interfaith council, U of A religion department
- Places where we can be seen? Monday night at Maynards?

Volunteer for events, like NPR fundraising?

KXCI community calendar

Women for International Peace & Freedom Calendar

Tucson MeetUp page

Is there a way to get into the 'moving to Tucson' info packet?

Where else is someone willing to be 'our face' in the community?