

Overall Summary of Responses:

The feedback gathered from the CSLT community paints a picture of a group that is deeply caring, spiritually sincere, and eager to grow together. People expressed heartfelt appreciation for the love, authenticity, and sense of uplift they experience at CSLT—especially through the music, messages, and the welcoming spirit that defines Sunday mornings. Many shared gratitude for Rev. Rhoni’s compassion and for the friendships and sense of belonging found within this community.

At the same time, participants voiced a desire for deeper connection and engagement—through small groups, classes, shared service, and more interactive Sunday experiences. There is enthusiasm for returning to hands-on community involvement and spiritual learning rooted in Science of Mind teachings. People would also like to see more spiritual depth and variety in messages, as well as continued inclusivity, openness, and opportunities for dialogue.

Financial responsibility and sustainability were strong shared priorities. Members emphasized being wise stewards of resources, aligning prosperity thinking with practical management, and right-sizing CSLT’s space to fit the current congregation while supporting future growth.

Across all questions, the importance of community stood out. Participants see community as belonging, shared purpose, and genuine friendship built through service, fellowship, and spiritual practice. Many offered specific commitments—showing up, volunteering, giving financially, and helping create more ways for people to connect beyond Sundays.

Finally, the group expressed honesty and hope about CSLT’s future. There’s recognition that this is a time of possibility and renewal—a moment to reimagine what’s next with gratitude for the past and faith in the good yet to come. The collective voice of the feedback is loving, constructive, and forward-looking, calling for a CSLT that continues to grow as a vibrant, heart-centered, spiritually rich community of belonging and transformation.

Q1: How do you feel about your affiliation with CSLT overall?

It’s clear that CSLT holds a special place in many hearts. People shared that Sunday services open their hearts, lift their spirits, and leave them feeling inspired and transformed. The music and messages are especially meaningful, and many expressed pride and gratitude for being part of such a loving, sincere community. Friendships and a sense of belonging are strong gifts of this Center.

At the same time, some folks would like to feel more connected and involved beyond Sunday mornings. A few mentioned they're not sure how to become members or participate in other activities. Others noticed that a small number of people seem to carry most of the responsibilities, and they'd like to see more shared participation.

There were also some mixed feelings about leadership and connection—while some experience warmth and openness, others wish for a more approachable presence to help everyone feel fully included.

Overall, the feedback shows a community that deeply values the heart and spirit of CSLT, while also longing for more ways to connect, contribute, and grow together.

Q2: What do you really like and appreciate about who CSLT is and what it has been providing you?

People expressed deep appreciation for the heart, spirit, and authenticity of CSLT. Many shared how uplifting it feels to be part of a loving, welcoming space where Spirit is alive and present. Attendees spoke warmly about being greeted with kindness, enjoying the music, meditation, and messages, and feeling that services help them stay centered and connected to spiritual truth.

There's a strong appreciation for Rev. Rhoni's humility, warmth, and guidance, as well as for the community's openness and inclusivity. Music, meditation, and the mix of playfulness and reflection were often mentioned as highlights that make Sundays both joyful and meaningful.

Several people emphasized gratitude for friendships and community—a circle of like-minded people where they feel supported and spiritually nourished. Others noted that CSLT provides valuable teachings and tools for living better, more conscious lives.

Overall, the feedback reflects a community deeply grateful for CSLT's heartfelt spirit, sense of belonging, and commitment to inclusive, uplifting spiritual growth.

Q3: What would you like to see done differently?

Many participants shared thoughtful ideas for strengthening CSLT's sense of connection, sustainability, and engagement. A common theme was the desire for a more interactive and participatory Sunday experience, with opportunities for dialogue, shared reflection, or small-group connection rather than a mostly one-way format. Several people also

expressed a desire for more classes, workshops, and small groups to help deepen spiritual practice and build the “glue” of community.

There was notable concern about the size and cost of the current venue, with several suggesting a move back to the LTW Children’s Theatre or another space that better matches the congregation’s size and feels more financially sustainable. A few people also suggested more guest speakers, shorter messages, or fresh material on Sundays.

Supporting the community’s long-term health was another theme. People mentioned the value of pledge campaigns, clearer volunteer coordination, and creating a welcoming pathway for people to step into service joyfully. Some suggested offering more mainstream or accessible classes to reach those outside CSLT, and making fuller use of the Craycroft office for gatherings.

A few noted preferences around ritual—some would like fewer repeated or rote elements such as the Flames of Faith or set prayers—while others simply acknowledged that their own involvement may grow as their connections deepen.

Overall, these insights reflect a caring community that wants CSLT to thrive through greater participation, financial clarity, right-sized space, and more opportunities for spiritual connection and shared leadership.

Q4 What is CSLT not providing to you that you would like to see your Spiritual Center provide you?

People shared a heartfelt longing for true community and deeper personal connection—a place where friendships form naturally and everyone feels they belong. Several spoke of wanting to recreate the closeness once experienced through small groups, book studies, movie nights, and affinity circles, with opportunities to share stories, support one another, and grow together. Many expressed that CSLT could become the kind of “casserole community” where people show up for each other in everyday ways, building bonds that last beyond Sunday morning.

There’s also a strong call for spiritual enrichment and learning, with requests for classes and workshops grounded in Science of Mind and New Thought teachings—including the writings of Ernest Holmes, Eckhart Tolle, Louise Hay, Deepak Chopra, and Michael Beckwith. People value inspiration that is both thought-provoking and practical, helping them live these teachings more fully.

Others mentioned the importance of diversity, inclusion, and outreach, both within the community and in connection to the wider Tucson area. Some would like to see CSLT

reignite community presence and service, such as outreach or tithing to local organizations.

There was enthusiasm for hands-on and experiential offerings—creative workshops, grief or support groups, drumming, chanting, stillness, yoga, or storytelling—as ways to embody spirituality and share joy.

Overall, the responses reflect a community yearning for more connection, shared experience, inspired learning, and authentic belonging—a CSLT that continues to grow as a vibrant, heart-centered spiritual home.

Q5: Is CSLT currently feeding your spiritual soul?

People shared honestly and thoughtfully about how CSLT is meeting—or not fully meeting—their spiritual needs right now. Many expressed that CSLT has fed their spirit in the past, especially when there were more activities, small groups, and opportunities for connection. Several noted that while Sunday services are uplifting and meaningful, they sometimes leave wanting deeper inspiration or more thought-provoking messages.

Some participants said they do feel spiritually nourished and grateful for the sense of belonging and like-minded community, while others said their spiritual fulfillment feels partial or inconsistent. A few shared that they find sustenance in other groups or personal practices, and would welcome more ways to be spiritually engaged within CSLT itself.

There were also heartfelt comments about the power of love and connection—including simple gestures like hugs, which make people feel seen and cared for.

Overall, the responses show a community that values CSLT deeply and longs for it to become a stronger source of inspiration, connection, and spiritual nourishment, rekindling the warmth and engagement that once felt more present.

Q6: Is operating within our financial means important to you?

There is strong and consistent agreement across the community that operating within CSLT's financial means is very important. Nearly everyone emphasized the need for financial responsibility, transparency, and good stewardship of the Center's resources. Many connected this to both spiritual principle and practical wisdom—that living within our means reflects respect, integrity, and alignment with the laws of abundance and good leadership.

Several people noted that sustainability is essential for CSLT's future, expressing concern about whether current spending is realistic for the size of the community. Others added

that while prosperity consciousness is valuable, it must be balanced with clear-eyed attention to real-world finances.

Overall, the responses reflect a shared commitment to being wise stewards, ensuring CSLT's financial health so it can continue to grow, serve, and share its good in the wider community.

Q7: Is community important to you? What is community and how is it created? If it is important to you, what are you willing to commit to participating in to build community?

There is a strong and heartfelt affirmation that community deeply matters to CSLT participants. Many described community as a sense of belonging, shared purpose, and genuine connection—people coming together in fellowship, friendship, and service. It's about showing up for one another, contributing time and talent, and co-creating something bigger than any one person.

Several responses emphasized that community is built through shared activities and meaningful service, not just talk. Examples included working on projects together—like helping local preschools, wrapping gifts for children, volunteering at food banks, or engaging in creative or craft-based gatherings. These experiences not only serve others but help people get to know one another in real, heart-centered ways.

Others highlighted the importance of open and informal spaces for connection, such as small groups, midweek gatherings, potlucks, or “beyond Sunday” discussions where people can share ideas and grow friendships. Some suggested a bulletin board of interests or brainstorming sessions to discover new ways of engaging together.

Many expressed a personal willingness to participate, show up, give financially, volunteer, and contribute ideas or energy to help community thrive. Even those who are more private shared that they're open to taking small steps—attending classes, listening, or helping with specific events—to strengthen connection.

Overall, the responses reveal a community that values belonging, shared experience, and compassionate action, with a collective desire to create a warm, welcoming, and participatory CSLT through shared service, friendship, and spiritual practice.

Q8: What would you like to bring up? What is the thing that you have been wanting to say but just haven't?

People shared their thoughts with honesty, courage, and care for the future of CSLT. Many expressed a sense that this is a time of possibility and renewal—a moment to let go of the past, honor what has brought the community here, and open to what might emerge next

with gratitude, faith, and hope. There is appreciation for the dedication of those who continue to show up and hold CSLT's vision, trusting that "anything is possible" when hearts and minds are united.

At the same time, several participants voiced clear and heartfelt concerns. Some spoke about wanting greater spiritual depth and inspiration from Sunday talks—messages that feel more polished, aligned with Science of Mind principles, and less focused on references that don't reflect the core teachings. A few noted they would appreciate variety in speakers, recalling how hearing different voices in the past brought fresh insight and energy.

There were also comments about connection and healing within the community, with some sensing tension or disconnection and wondering how CSLT can come together more harmoniously. Others suggested exploring ways to collaborate more effectively with Unity or even reconsidering the current shared space if it no longer serves the community's needs.

Practical suggestions included offering shorter talks, adding opportunities for prayer or shared spiritual practice after services, and finding ways to attract more families and newcomers through outreach, creativity, and fresh ideas.

Overall, these reflections reveal a community that deeply cares about CSLT's message, leadership, and future, and that longs to see it thrive as a spiritually rich, inclusive, and vibrant center of love, learning, and possibility.

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