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What is the Highest Vision, the Highest Ideal for Center for Spiritual Living Tucson? What does it look like? What does it sound like? What does it feel like?

- Ongoing enlightenment, through practical information
- Love of self and others. Looks beautiful, sounds beautiful, feels great!
- Groups that share honestly how and what is happening in their spiritual growth
- Need more than one service each Sunday
- Lots of people of all kinds of different colors. Lots of different ages... including 50-ish and below. Perhaps more time before and/or after with our minister? Good, good snacks in our after-church hang-out place. i.e. Can we get 'better' snacks in addition to our yummy cookies? "This is community!" The info inside our programs looks great. Easy to read and breezy. Money is good. Information is easy to get and to understand.
- Center for Joyful Living and Center for Joyful Teaching. A place for everybody to belong, a loving community
- I see an older property, not a new modern structure.
- Beacon of Light. People are drawn to us from every corner of Tucson. Lots of excitement.
- A beautifully scented, multicolored rose opening. Joy, ease, grace, beauty.
- Excitement - Serve the community with spiritual growth.
- A loving supportive community in all ways.
- Free meditation, massage and Science of Mind classes
- A teaching center where all who choose can come to learn about their spiritual path and acquire spiritual tools and practices.
- What is now, to reach, to teach, to help and explore. The rest is unknown territory, exploration, surrendering to the greater.
- Yellow singing canaries, soul music, deep listening leads to perfect pitch leads to responsive living. "I can hear you and I sing you".
- Centrally located CSLT-owned church facility with 2+ acres, grounds, bookstore, members of all ages, great children's program.
- Expanding the good offerings already in place to broaden community (Tucson) impact beyond grants of money to organizations.
- The highest would be a very open and welcoming place. There is the highest welcome at the beginning but it is, on one level, superficial. As a newer person, at events, people are not open to having a new person join them at a table, they just keep to their own groups. So the vision is people engaging with new people on a genuine level.
- Light. Celestial music. People filled with joy, enthusiasm, love --> outside.
- Community, Connection, Love, Soft. Love, awakened in and through all.
- Knowing the truth that we are all God, more people, more sharing, more ways to give to the Tucson community as a whole, the needy, more participation.
- Having our own building, a beautiful home.
- Enlightenment. A place of happiness, joy and love.
- The many possibilities of life.
- Others knowing what is here. A Center/not Church, a Holy Space
- To expand membership to include more of the community. Peaceful outreach, sounds like joy.
- Joy abounds in each of us and as a whole. Feeling this joy as a united spirit is heaven (here on earth)
- A place that belongs to CSLT and has both indoor and outdoor spaces conducive to listening, learning and mingling. Activities such as meditation groups, consciousness raising groups, laughter yoga and CSLT classes, speakers etc.
- A hive of activity, enjoyment, love, ... life itself. A supporting, caring, loving environment.
- Growth beyond our confines -- awareness beyond -- Personal outreach -- Help--> Here we are --> What can we do? Satisfaction, joy, unity.

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- Full house. Laughter, joy, music, openness, acceptance.
- A vibrant, fully alive center that is bursting with energy of all ages. Wonderful spiritual music and a full house every Sunday.
- Less stressful, it looks peaceful and it sounds like a walk in nature. It feels like a warm breeze.
- Drums and bass. More people and diversity.
- A widely advertised taxi service of sorts for people who call on Saturdays to be brought to service on Sundays arranged by congregation members who facilitate phone reservations, pick up and return of persons who request such a service. Donations accepted!
- Packed house, lots of music/celebration. Lots of energy expanded into the outside community.
- A gathering of loving fellowship, providing tools for spiritual growth.
- To be authentically available, welcoming and nurturing to our community's spiritual growth.
- A transparency, no walls, made of glass. Surrounded by green and flowers.
- Develop a place/space for special needs children and their families within the Center, extend the philosophy. "A child will lead them" and "Let the children come" The special children and they are all special) are waiting - and have been waiting for a long time... The "Free Waldorf" (Rudolf Steiner) idea appears to point in the right direction. It is compatible (in my opinion) with the Center's vision.
- A new permanent home for all to embrace the truth as we know it to be.
- Portraying what everyone needs to evolve in spiritual living.
- Warmth, peace, joy, sunlight. Unconditional love. We all play well together and joyfully raise buckets of money for the building fund. :)
- Increased community participation and more people attending your service and increasing the energy level of communion with people.
- Helping me to realize and be aware of my true self and the beauty of us all and the truth of all.
- Light and Love
- A permanent home. It has aisles, comfortable chairs, kitchen and rooms for classes. It feels comfortable, is conveniently located with a superior sound system.
- Glowing, intimate setting. Peacefulness.
- Cells expanding = Vine reaching. Place where friends meet. A destination stop!
- More congregants -- sharing thoughts, love and music. Laughter in a park and picnicking together.
- Open space, enormous vistas. Joy, Openness. Respectful communication --> Compassionate, honest, open transparent.
- We own a building that is perfect for our needs - space, parking, etc. We have a large and connected prosperous community that is excited, active and joyful. We offer classes and activities that many community members and 'outside' people participate in and get a lot out of.
- To open people's eyes to our true potential to a full and meaningful life. Abundant and Infinite. Happy and Satisfied. Feels natural, warm and pure.
- To help us evolve and reach what beings are here for, for us to be Gods. Light, no sound. Easy to move through.
- Move closer to Downtown for there is no other like it there. Attract a larger group/family to generate more like-minded people. The facility is beautiful and intimate, creating closeness and unity between all.
- Spacious, tall entry, welcoming, permanent.
- Double all. Angels embracing.
- Expanding consciousness. Getting bigger.
- Touching lives through Southern Arizona. Every seat filled.
- Sharing, expanding.
- Enthusiasm, more workshops and non-certificated courses, more people talking the talk.
- Outreach/advertise. Possibility of growth. Get our name out there.
- A full audience on Sunday morning that celebrates the use of the tools.
- Letting magnificence out.
- Connection, supportiveness, awareness, awakening. Joy, Warmth, Acceptance, Sharing.

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- We create a climate where people can grow, participate and expand as spiritual beings living in Tucson.
- A beautiful building of our own with beautiful grounds. Many, many helping hands in the form of volunteers.
- Joy, home, family, community, communion of like minds.

What changes, become or evolves as the highest vision, the highest ideal comes forth in its fullness?

- Let Go, surrender yourself to God, let go of past hurts so you can let it in, love and God
- In the 12th Insight, the protagonist says that the prerequisite to teaching others is to honestly have experienced the 'thing-idea' that is being taught.
- More practitioners
- We become more loving, more creative and accepting, more caring about each other
- It is continually being beautified, enhanced, enlarged and improved. Ownership encourages pride and development.
- Everybody is talking about it.
- Badges for people who will also answer questions about our stuff (badge says "ask me!"). Designs that also look like all ages, giving info (I mean also, our signage, and stuff. Perhaps we can have little handouts with pretty words to read. Its easier for a person to receive educational info, like "What's this all about?" "This is community!"
- Plant the seed, nurture the soil, water the plant and let it mature.
- Expansion and growth to our Center and have our own Center and land.
- Network of gardens, places to stay, a home for use with more young people.
- Social network, neighbors, friendships.
- The social aspects change and evolve.
- Growth of age groups, continuation of helping to expand and explore what I know today.
- New teachers emerge in all areas.
- Specific workgroups of CSL members to do/complete projects that make a positive impact on Tucson. e.g. Habitat for Humanity, Nature Conservancy, elementary or charter schools, etc.
- People let go of their safety and are willing to engage with others they don't know yet.
- Children are the future. We need to focus on getting more families involved.
- Self-enhancement, Connections, New Chapters
- Calmness. Presentness. Compassioness. Love.
- More R&B music, more vibrant colorful stage set. Colorful flowers, uplifting rug, table and screen, more spiritual center community.
- Increased attendance. Feeling of ownership and belonging.
- The new facility will be at the right price, with funds left over to use in helping the community even further. The move will be effortless and the new families attracted will embrace the CSL.
- Cosmic consciousness with the mystics we say let there be light and the light appears.
- Embracing the possibilities of life.
- We work with persons of faiths
- More children, younger families come to learn how to raise their children with an 'all possibility' future
- More and more members become involved in the day-to-day operations of our church. Our participating is integral in the joy of self as well as the joy of all.
- More people become involved with CSLT and contribute their time, talent and money toward achieving the goals of the congregation
- We come to know each other, love each other, share with each other more and more fully. To realize (make real) that we are one.
- A recognition beyond these walls through actively caring beyond giving money to volunteer groups. Outreach as well as inreach.
- Community coffee sharing like at the other (old) center. Friendship developed that go beyond Sunday. A thriving youth program.

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- Higher energy, deeper connections and more light and laughter.
- My thought patterns of the ego change. Strength and spirit.
- People get up and dance and feel the presence of the spirit.
- The visibility increases in our community and beyond.
- More regular opportunities for fellowship are offered, especially for couples. Additional educational offerings are available.
- Criticism/judgment of where one is ... is left behind. Relaxed allowing happens. More and more we enjoy who we are without forcing or trying to be something else.
- A happy feeling good for all the blessings, this space brings to people and the community.
- More abundance to further the growth and to serve more and more good.
- A church building which becomes the center to which people are drawn, a focus that more and more people become aware of.
- People release resentment, shed victimhood, and rejoice in our oneness! We move in unison with Spirit, as Spirit!
- More people living as one energy source and impacting a larger community with peace and harmony.
- I become more forgiving and understanding.
- Busy place/activity; sunshine; lots of people.
- Offer more affordable classes and small home groups. Loved Trance of Scarcity Group. That is where personal connections are made which are the glue of the church.
- A smaller area.
- Image of a spiral. Individual egos left behind, people lining up.
- A home place for CSL Tucson together and enjoy each other's company.
- We catch the spark --> the spark of enlightenment, compassion, joy, openness, the spark of ONE!
- People have a strong sense of community and connection, and a commitment to the continued growth and joy of the community. We create the perfect space with ease and abundance.
- Our vision of ourselves changes and expands to become naturally infinite and One with God.
- I change: my mind, soul, heart change. As a consequence, my exterior (outer world) does too.
- Daily use, daily education, daily part of our lives, not just Sundays.
- Flowing yellow waves, awareness of intention and results.
- Knowledge
- More services are offered, classes expand (daytime classes)
- Necessary to get a larger sanctuary
- Younger overall community, growth demonstrating.
- Contact those who have dropped away. Listen to why. I see people floating around with tethers.
- "The Revolving Door" People coming in and out - with no negative thoughts, all changed to positive.
- More light lets out.
- More openness. Cultivating and activating what we already have and expanding.
- Letting go of old ways, beliefs. Each person is a gift.
- Abundant substance in the form of money. Willing and giving hearts and minds.
- Release of judgment. Acceptance. Surrender, Wholeness. What changes is me!

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

- You are in charge of your story and you can have everything you desire if you just let go and trust in God who will give you strength to live a new beginning.
- Realistic spiritual expressions that radiate from a life and not mouth only -- "Preach the Gospel at all times and when absolutely necessary, use words" --St Francis.
- More people
- We have what it takes. We are in the right place at the right time.
- A permanent location allows energy to be utilized more efficiently and effectively.
- We become known as upward moving and all are drawn in.

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- As much as we can accept is what we get. Flip Wilson: "What you see is what you get!"
- We are one with all our neighbors and friends who we meet daily.
- Ways to explain to family and friends and blogs and stuff what type of information I understand. The stage with our stuff on it looks great. "This is community!" I like it when Rev Donald wears jeans again - a casual well-dressed helps me feel more relaxed with a very cool looking person. That it's easy for Sunday folks to understand CSL Tucson.
- Experience of the unconditional love of all and everyone within the oneness.
- A cause for good, both supported and benefited.
- Realize there is a need for this and that this current area has a huge competition in these types of teachings: Unity, etc. CSL would be reaching outside its comfort zone and reaching people that wish they could attend the distance. Attraction - We embrace a fuller church/center.
- The social aspects support and evolve from the learning aspects.
- Manifestations related to trauma, PTSD and change of thought through spirituality.
- Let down, cast aside your fears like the used garment it is, embrace expansion.
- Opportunities to connect on a broader, more informal way outside of committees and educational spiritual classes.
- To have more age groups. To be able to attract the 20, 30, 40-somethings. It feels and looks like the majority of people are over 50. The younger people will bring a different energy to center.
- Center just for us to expand in. Start modestly with view that will grow.
- Self Love, Appreciation. Giving Back.
- Let the gifts learned here be shared with all. Share Love.
- Events at homes of members, sharing lifestyles.
- Directory of everyone's gifts that they are willing to share, businesswise, I know its coming!
- We already have the money, the problem is that it is still in our pockets.
- A permanent facility where our good vibes resonate.
- The many different paths that are possible to achieve a different result
- CSLT is not apart from the faiths.
- More play times
- Each of us does decide to participate, as we know the joy of the whole deepens on the connection of each to one another.
- Needed - more creative ways of sharing with the rest of Tucson the beauty and wisdom of CSLT's philosophy.
- That we fully embrace, understand and celebrate the expanding reality of our SOM philosophy in every aspect of our lives.
- A space created for individual spiritual growth.
- Just Do It! Alive, awake, alert, enthusiastic.
- My true self as a gifted human being.
- No-thing
- The Center has an opportunity to advance change/enlightenment in structures of Tucson's service providers.
- "Love!" Saw an image of us meeting in a completely relaxed way... perhaps a possibility of those who want to come together on Sundays in an open-air outdoor free-spirited place.
- A sense of being the spiritual beings we truly are. Free, joyful, powerful!
- The new and permanent home now manifests! And So It Is!
- How to expand the knowing of what the Center offers.... so that our community is attracted even more.
- We can do whatever we choose to do. Everything is within our reach. Pizza! Time to celebrate!
- We are all spiritual beings.
- The color purple, \$
- More appreciation and recognition and acknowledgement of volunteers. Rev Donald could choose to come to the hospitality room after church and welcome visitors on a more individual way. Mingle more

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with the congregation. The present facility is too dark and some people are choosing not to come. We need a permanent home. Greeters could come to the hospitality room to socialize with people, particularly ones with temporary nametags.

- Pure "incense" of love and friendships.
- Tight groups of people pushing - crunching together - forward into theater like doors. White light.
- Yes, more fundraising for a CSLT facility -- Bake sales, Concerts, Car washes
- Build it and they will come --> Build the consciousness, build the foundation, build the community!
- We are not stuck in any limited thinking about how obtaining the perfect space should look. i.e. be open to it showing up in a possibly unexpected way.
- There are only limits that we impose on ourselves. We are God and he is us.
- Mentoring program= men's group and youth group.
- Goodwill: Finding the realization of the Good.
- Awakening
- Wednesday evening prayer group
- As a group we have infinite possibilities
- More different music. More stories of success with permission.
- This facility feels too big/cavernous/empty/cold. I see a child in adult clothing.
- That each attendee is a "minister" (example) of the Christ potential.
- It's all about letting and becoming, so let and become.
- Know our own stories of limitation - individually and groups. Be it known.
- Growth and expansion.
- Classes on prayer, meditation and forgiveness.