

# **Jamboard Sticky Notes**

These notes are a transfer of Jamboard sticky notes used in the congregational workshop on February 19, 2022. These were compiled by Deborah Weiner, congregational consultant (djweiner101@gmail.com)

**If you were creating a congregation NOW from scratch, and this was your mission:**

**What elements or programs would be at the CORE of what you offered? Why?**

## **Care and Engagement for members**

Pastoral care

Member shut ins support

Community place for big life events (sharing our lives) birth to death

Welcoming to all

Introductory programs for new members

## **Connection to the Community**

Opportunity to link with other community organizations (2 responses)

In person services and programs, with hybrid blend of Zoom to be caring and inclusive

## **Physical Plant and Property**

Care for church grounds

## **Leadership**

Principled leadership at every level

Responsible and sustaining membership

Long range planning.

## **Education**

An arena for educational/social action/political forums

Identify individual, congregational and societal needs from the prior

Examination

All ages (inter-generational) programs (2 responses)

Religious education for all ages (2 responses)

Spirituality

Small groups

Structures that support learning

Learning – seeing how we need to change and be open to new ideas, new possibilities, new ways to be inclusive

Identify learning and other experiences to address identified needs

Adult education programs

Montessori-style child care

Adult education that invites the community

## **Justice**

Partnerships with indigenous groups

Outreach to those in need in our own and our larger community

Serve the disenfranchised

Social analysis against our principles

Ask how can we be a beacon and force for good in Winnipeg?

Work for better understanding and advancement of reconciliation

Access and inclusion for all.

Partner with surrounding community groups and organization to be socially engaged with our neighbours

Provide 24 hours sanctuary to people in need

Protecting the environment

Small group opportunities for study and working together

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**Look at what has been contributed here: what is really at the core of importance as you fulfill the mission?**

**VALUES:**

Learning with and about others

That we care for and listen to all members of the congregation including our Minister.

Learning how to and practicing to live lovingly

Caring for our community. If we are not well, we cannot do good work in the world.

Community

Love and trust

Caring for everyone

Encourage us to be our true selves

Love in action and interaction

**FAITH:**

Spirituality

Studying other religions

**COMMUNITY AND JUSTICE:**

Contributing to a more just and compassionate society

Diversity of voices, faces, ages, abilities

Access and inclusion for all

Actively search out how to live responsibly toward our neighbours and the planet in these chaotic times

Being the change we want to see

A place to develop a spiritual journey with an emphasis on inclusivity, justice and love

How to be a beacon and force for good in our community and on our planet? Discover this and do it.

### **FINANCE/SUSTAINABILITY:**

Budgets that prioritize learning opportunities

Be willing to make changes needed re: fundraising, stewardship, etc.

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(the next jamboard was mysteriously erased, so we don't have materials from that element of consideration):

**Are there things here that, on further reflection, really don't belong at the core (but maybe will be important later?) and...**

**What exists now at the church that, on reflection, you believe you can let go of, based on the church's mission?**

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**Are there elements that have popped up for you in this process that we should also make note of??**

**DEMOGRAPHICS:**

Young adult - 18-30

I forgot about covenant groups.

No one from Sunday services

Elder heavy participation. Why don't younger members wish to engage?

**FAITH:**

Do we have a home for folks seeking spirituality without church?

Where is our focus on our religious identity?

**TIME/TALENTS/PRIORITIES:**

Is it realistic to think that all this work can be managed or facilitated in a central way

Seem over-extended

Are we expecting too much from our faith community

**FOCUS:**

We have a lack of focus - now I am unsure what our main mission is

**LEADERSHIP COMMENTS:**

Gonna think more about different models of paid leadership

Opportunities to collaborate with others sharing parts of our mission

No youth or young adult perspectives in our discussion today

A well run cluster group can create a balcony view from that perspective...

**BUILDING:**

Renting instead of owning