

LCC Annual Meeting

Lindsay Fulmer, Pastor

Kathan Vollrath, Moderator 2018

Peter Sass, Moderator 2019

LCC: 2016--2019

“Without leaps of imagination, or dreaming, we lose the excitement of possibilities. Dreaming, after all, is a form of planning.”

--Gloria Steinem

Agenda

- Approval of operating budget
- Remembrance of members
- Gold stars for exceptional service
- Approval of officers/team members
- Presentation: 2016--2019

2016 Listening Campaign: Small Groups

- Where do you find deep gladness in your life?
- Where do you find deep gladness at Ladera Community Church?
- What do you see as the world's deep hunger?

2016 Listening Campaign: Large Group

Discussed:

- Implications for **programming**
- Implications for **use of facilities and site development**
- Implications for use of our **financial resources**

We generated a lot of ideas...

As a result...

Social justice team was formed

- Community forums
- Green Team formed, sustainability initiatives
- Participation in marches
- Education: Palestine

As a result...

- Site team was formed for long term site planning
- We accomplished significant short term facilities improvements

Facilities improvements

- Need for **Narthex bathroom walker and wheelchair accessibility**: Bathroom renovation!
- Desire for **improved sound in the sanctuary**: New audiovisual system!
- **Hard to hear in Peabody Hall**: Acoustic sound tiles installed!

Thanks to...

- Bequest from the Marty Holderness family for the bathroom renovation
- Bequest from the Newell family for the sound system
- The many people who helped make these projects and the ceiling tile installation happen!

April 2018: Community Partnership Proposal

2018 Moderator's Message:

I believe our challenge is actually our solution. We have limited people power—we have to partner with the community and that's how we get known and grow. We have resources to bring to the conversation—space and funds.

July 2018: Community Partnership Input

Many ideas came out of the survey and conversations:

- Parcel A, “**the backyard**,” land in Portola Valley: community garden, meditation area, outdoor meeting space
- “**The cottage**,” land in San Mateo County: accessible meeting space, housing for church staff/caretaker
- “**The upstairs**”: teen service club, open co-working space, meeting space. Concern about accessibility,

and then...

July 2018: What we didn't know

But later learned:

- **“The backyard”**: PV is now strongly supporting “affiliated housing” — affordable housing for people connected to PV— through an expanded partnership program.
- **“The cottage”**: the cottage footprint is permitted for housing.
- **“The upstairs”**: the preschool will be closing June 2019

Aug 2018: Learning about Affiliated Housing

- Church council authorized Deb Smith and Tim Clark to represent LCC at a PV town meeting to learn about becoming an “affiliated housing” partner which might allow LCC to build housing in the “backyard”
- Jan-Feb 2019: PV Town Council is expected to vote on including LCC (among others) as an “affiliated partner” as well as clarify the criteria for affiliated housing
 - *Being an “affiliated partner” would not commit LCC to do anything, but it could create an option to fill a pressing need for affordable housing in our community.*

August – October 2018: Preschool

- Aug 2018: Church council sent a letter to our congregation asking for help deciding the future of the Preschool:
“Please give prayerful consideration to how important it is to have a preschool at our church and whether you are called to devote your time and energy to ensuring a preschool continues.”
- Oct 2018: After meetings and discussions, the congregation sadly voted to close Ladera Church Preschool at the end of this school year while acknowledging our desire to continue to serve the community.

Sept 2018--present: Ministerial Transition

- Lindsay told the congregation that she will be retiring. Her last service is planned for April 28, 2019
- Church council has begun planning for the **Search and Call** process, which includes a discernment/visioning process for the church:

Who are we?

Who is our neighbor?

Who is God calling us to become?

From the Site Work, we now know:

- **“The backyard”**: there is a strong community need for affordable housing and we are awaiting PV’s action on “affiliated housing.”
- **“The cottage”**: a nice, “modular” residence could be put on the site
- **“The upstairs”**: next step is to address accessibility
- A critical question for whatever we choose is:

Whom do we want to serve?

Preview of 2019

The List for 2019

- Celebrate and thank Lindsay for 10 years of service to LCC
- Celebrate and thank those who have supported our preschool
- Council to appoint interim search team
 - Kathan Vollrath, Deb Smith, Amy Payne
- Create our Vision to build our church profile and pastor search
- Within Visioning, clarify site initiatives for the near, medium and long term and continue worthwhile programs and activities

A Target Timeline

2019												2020
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July August	September	October	November	December	January February
Search and Call		Council plans interim search	Interim search starts	Lindsay leaves	Pulpit supply	Interim minister starts			Council identifies search team	Search team assembled	Advent	Complete and post profile for search

Vision Work	Identify champions and interested members to continue work on site options. Consider other worthwhile initiatives	Core team and Interim minister plan Visioning process	Visioning and Vision Creation: Spiritual direction, prioritizing initiatives, identify qualities seeking in our next minister	Begin implementation of Vision
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Maintain ongoing program continuity

Unity of Spirit

- We are a congregational church, supporting each other in our mission and vision, practicing our covenants
- Now more than ever, we are leaders and workers, looking outward to our community
- Paul wrote in Philippians 2:2: “Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.”

– *New Living Translation*

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