

Annual Vision of Ministry for 2020-2021 Church Year

We have three vision areas for this year:

1. **Connection:** Overcoming social and spiritual isolation is a defining feature of religious community in any age. In this time of uncertainty, anxiety, and heightened divisions, nurturing connections – among people, and with all of Life – is both essential and revolutionary. We will provide pandemic-adapted opportunities for our members to connect with each other and with that “transcending mystery and wonder” which renews and sustains them. We will also lovingly sustain connections between our church and other groups, including our sister church (Clair Memorial) and other Unitarian Universalists.
2. **Transformation:** We will take purposeful action, in our local area, to rectify inequity, to build the Beloved Community, and to support the self-determination and flourishing of all people through the democratic process. Recognizing that we are at the center of our locus of control, our church will also work to “be the change we wish to see in the world.” Thus we will educate ourselves about systems of oppression and the ways we ourselves are inevitably caught up in them; take tangible steps to practice radical hospitality, grow our multicultural skills, and dismantle -isms within our own church culture; and continue to nurture church leaders of diverse identities and gifts.
3. **Future:** The high-minded, great-hearted tradition we inherit inspires us to live and to love at least as boldly in our own time as the religious liberals before us did in theirs. Mindful of the tradition on which we build, with our new called minister we will look to the horizon and prepare to set a fresh course. This year we will focus on discerning what type of process might effectively engage the congregation and result in a unifying statement of our mission, vision, and goals, with the intent to then carry out such a process in the subsequent church year.