

The Spirit of All Souls

Newsletter



Creating a diverse, spirit-growing, justice-seeking community that transforms ourselves and our world into one great family of all souls.



The Shape of Our Love
Robert M. Hardies
 Senior Minister

A church member once told me that the most important gift All Souls had given him was teaching him how to love better. I was moved when he told me this, because that's really why the church is here: to help us love better. Our first Ends Statement says it plainly: our hope is that "members of all ages *discover* and articulate the source of love in their lives and cultivate the ability to *act* on that love in ever-expanding circles."

This fall, Rev. Lynngood and myself will present a series of sermons called "The Shape of Our Love," which will explore love from a variety of angles and perspectives: Love of

self, other and God; how to love another, a community, a nation, a world. Sometimes practical and other times spiritual, all of these sermons will provide us with the opportunity to reflect on where love comes from and how we can share it. I can't think of a more worthy way to spend our time together this fall. I look forward to sharing it with you.

Love, ROB



Returning to a Caring Community
Shana Lynngood
 Associate Minister

All of the growth and change at All Souls has brought with it new ways of doing things. One of the programs which is undergoing transformation is the caring program. In my three years at All Souls we have worked to formalize our caring structure, involve more lay ministry, and create a clear set of shared understandings about our capacity as a community to be there for one another (which includes awareness of our limitations). We have come a long way in this effort. We still have further to go. I am excited that this month I will be training new Pastoral Associates, who will assist me in visiting members of our community in need. They will be introduced and commissioned for this ministry in a special ritual during the October 15th service.

I am also assisted in this work by the Caring Network (Molly Freeman, Kathy Ferger, Elizabeth Fox, Shelly Brackenridge, Kathy Baker,

and Mary Wheeler). If you have a caring need, please contact me (at the church or on my cell phone) or Kathy Ferger. We will see to it that we address the need personally or request a pastoral associate to follow-up or both. The Caring Network as a whole offers care through cards from the Caring Table, meals during trying times, routine calls to those unable to make it to church, and visits. We are also here to assist with referral connections to resources in our community when that may be helpful in the event of ongoing needs for care beyond our scope of expertise or ability.

Please don't hesitate to be in touch when life events weigh heavily upon you and you feel the need for comfort from your spiritual community. I am always willing and able to make changes to my schedule when crisis or emergencies arise.

Prayerful blessings, Shana

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From the Board

Dear Souls of All Souls,

The Board of Trustees wishes you a warm welcome back to our community for the new church year. We hope this summer brought you opportunities for rest, rejuvenation, and connection as it did for us. Presently, we are focused on a number of issues. These include the transition to two services, strengthening our caring role, a review of church administration, refining policy governance, and preparing for Rev. Hardies' sabbatical.

Our church's structure empowers the congregation to lead our church. Our members exercise their control by electing and guiding trustees to act on their behalf. As your trustees, we are committed to serving you and leading our church well. To those ends, we are seeking to enhance our working relationship with you.

At all times but especially during this period of growth and transition, we believe it is essential to maintain open, clear communication between the congregation and the trustees. There are several ways for you to share your ideas and concerns with us as well as stay aware of our process. Attend upcoming board meetings on September 17, October 29 and November 19 at 1:30 pm in the library. If you are unable to attend, you may find a summary of meeting minutes either on the web on the Board's page or outside the main office. Beginning September 10 and continuing through October, speak to Board members at a table in Pierce Hall immediately following Sunday services. Also, the trustees are sporting new red and blue name tags to identify us. Please, seek us out. We can always be reached individually by phone, by e-mail or by way of our mailboxes in the volunteer office.

Many of you may know that a few years ago, ASC adopted policy governance. This structure was intended to strengthen our church by clarifying roles and responsibilities. We are in support of policy governance as a tool to meet our needs. We see this as an appropriate time to reflect on and refine this tool to make it better serve our congregation. We invite you to reexamine policy governance with us. Please share your thoughts and ideas about what is working and what needs adjusting within our current governing approach. (Copies of the policy government document are available on-line and outside the main office.) Soon, we will post times for listening sessions that will be held after services in late September or early October. We will look forward to your participation in those sessions!

Faithfully,
The All Souls Church Board of Trustees

Social Justice News

from Louise Green, Director of Social Justice Ministries

It's good to be back at All Souls! I'm enthusiastic about the 2006-2007 church year and want to invite each of you to jump in, volunteer, and give back. Doing social justice work at All Souls is good for your soul, and you meet lots of wonderful people along the way. Here are a few items to keep in mind:

WIN/All Souls! All Vote! Get-Out-The-Vote Campaign: Sept. 10, 11, and D.C. Primary Election Day, Tuesday, Sept 12 (votervolunteer@gmail.com for info on volunteering for walks and calls, and be sure to watch email Happenings/Weekly Bulletin for the complete schedule)

Religious Education Social Justice Projects for Kids and Families: Volunteers needed (gfarrell@allsouls.ws)

Neighbors in Need/ Sacred Heart and Christ House Direct Service (see announcement on this page)

Annual Thanksgiving Collection of Food and Funds: Sunday, November 19 (lgreen@allsouls.ws)

Annual La Clinica del Pueblo Posada party/(Christmas Gift Drive on 12/17): Tuesday, December 19 (lgreen@allsouls.ws)

Martin Luther King Day Birthday Party with activities for kids and adults: **Monday, January 15** (lgreen@allsouls.ws or gfarrell@allsouls.ws)

Coming Attractions: Seventh Principle Eco-Justice events this fall and beyond. Your Alternative Spring Break: Inter-generational Service Trip to New Orleans and/or Mississippi, Sat. March 31- Thurs April 5, 200. All Souls Housing Corp Volunteer Days with Habitat for Humanity in 2007. Watch for more information on this and more.

Building Our Beloved Community

All Souls has had a marvelous history in the District of being a welcoming place for people of color. The Board-appointed task force, Building The Beloved Community (BtBC) is charged with ensuring that our congregation nurtures our multi-racial heritage, while growing it at the same time.

On Sunday, September 24, Revs. Hardies and Lynngood will kick-off a year-long series of exciting events with a Worship Service intended to set the tone for building an intentional, multi-racial spiritual community. We want to pack the house with people who celebrate - and seek out! - what it means to live in a multi-racial spiritual community, so bring a friend. And, this is just the beginning! Watch the calendar for a wonderful buffet of programs that help us grow and sustain a multi-racial community, from RE, to social mixers, concerts, theater, music, film, speakers, workshops, special services and walking tours. It's all about community, so let's make it so!

Direct Service Opportunity NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Seeking SERVERS: We prepare and serve dinner twice per month at Christ House at 5 p.m. (First Monday and Third Tuesday). We also serve dinner monthly at the Sacred Heart Dinner Program at 5 p.m. Folks at Christ House, a residential medical facility for the formerly homeless on Columbia Road, and Sacred Heart daily dinner program depend on All Souls volunteers. If you can help, please email Emily for Christ House at e.koechlin@starpower.net or Dave for Sacred Heart at davidsjones@yahoo.com.

Also seeking COOKS for our Neighbors in Need: We make meatballs for the dinners in the All Souls kitchen after Sunday Services on the first Sunday of the month. Email Emily at e.koechlin@starpower.net.

Ethical Dialog

Contact: Ted Thomas- ted.thomas@verizon.net.

Meeting each Sunday in the Reception Room from 9:15 to 10:40, we welcome new and old participants to our examination of ethical and moral complexities in modern life. By suggesting the 9:15 gathering time, we are able to begin promptly at 9:30. For the present, rather than seeking outside expertise in publications or special speakers, we explore our personal interpretations of the issues under consideration. Each participant is afforded equal time to interpret the issue or frame the dialog. Our procedure generates interesting and often surprising interpretations of the topic, and avoids excessive attention to any one position.

September 10 "Craigslit, Discrimination and Privacy"

The Chicago Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights is suing Craigslit for violating anti-discrimination laws by allowing ads to specify sex, race, sexual orientation, etc. on its internet service. Amazon.com, Yahoo.com, eBay, Google and AOL are all supporting Craigslit. Are Craigslit and the internet more like newspapers than telephone service?

September 17 "Bunks for Drunks"?

Kings County (Seattle) has opened a 75-bed homeless shelter that permits continued use of alcohol for its inhabitants. Is such a practice morally and medically ethical?

September 24 Open Discussion

A time for exploring overlooked or neglected ethical and moral challenges of the day.

Religious Education (RE) News

REflections by Gabrielle Farrell, Religious Educator

REView

I sit, these dog days of summer, at my computer typing away at lesson plan after lesson plan. In between, I rewrite the teacher training and conceive of and plan for the classrooms to be warm and welcome environs where friendships with other children and adults can grow. With all of these activities, the church aims to help parents grow loving and empathetic and brave people. It's not a bad way to spend a summer day.

Today, I rewrote the lesson of Hanukkah, which at All Souls doesn't involve the celebration of the holiday but paying attention to its story. For those not familiar, King Antiochus, having received the land of Judea after Alexander's death, wanted the Jewish people to believe in the Greek gods and adopt Greek culture. Some did while others who resisted were killed. Then someone stepped forward to say no more.

One of the first questions we ask after its telling is, "Where are the King Antiochus' today?" It is a stark reminder that although we are fortunate to live in a land where freedom is a value, we experience King Antiochus still. Sometimes, the world, right now, on a bad day, and even on a good one, seems replete with them. Beginning my 17th year as a Religious Educator, I find the stories from the Jewish and Christian traditions to be especially difficult this time around. I suspect it's because the stories are happening everywhere.

Remember, though, I said this type of contemplating is a good way to spend a summer day. Because even though the story of King Antiochus abounds, so too does the story of Mattityahu who said no more. Mattityahu is also Martin Luther King, Jr. and Ghandi, also Frances Harper and Susan B. Anthony, Vaclav Havel and Nelson Mandela. I am reminded that at church we have many many Mattiityahus —folks who work for freedom and respect for others elsewhere. There lives may not become stories that get examined by others centuries later, but in the small, daily places that define a life—they do god's/ good work. So too, are our children who sell fair trade chocolate because they are outraged that children are exploited. So too, are our children who bake cookies to raise money for an animal shelter that does not euthanize. So too, children who make a meal for the homeless shelter so that all may eat.

The four letters on the dreidel, Nun, Gimmel, Hay and Shin, stand for the saying, "A great miracle happened here." This is what we are doing each Sunday —preparing our children to be that great miracle.

It is this simple. It is that important. See you in church!

September Fall RE Calendar

- September 10—Ingathering Service for All: Childcare available or children 5 and under
- September 17—9:45am Pancake Breakfast for all Families with Children (Nursery— HS)
10:45am RE Classes Begin (don't forget to bring water from your vacation)
- September 23—Saturday Teacher Ingathering (Training)
- October 1—Story for All Ages begins the morning. Children's Choir sings
Parent Orientation with free lunch after Church in the Dining Room

Religious Education Registration

This year's Prospectus and registration form is not being mailed to homes but is available on the website, www.all-souls.org. (We are happy to mail one if so asked.) This publication gives a brief overview of this year's Religious Education program (beginning on September 17th) for infants thru and including High School. It also includes a registration form and information about fees.

Additionally, copies of the Prospectus, including a church calendar, and registration forms will be available outside each classroom as well as the church office and at the Pancake Breakfast.

All children, Nursery through High School, must re-register and pay a yearly registration fee for the Religious Education program every church school year, September thru June. Registrations are due by the end of September.

Families New to All Souls

Join me and RE Committee members at the Pancake Breakfast at a special Visitor's Table on Sunday, September 17. I also invite you to call me, 202.332.5266, x 112 to talk about your hopes for your child's religious education (and your own too!)

Community in Motion

Get Ready for the Church Year. Network with Other Leaders. Be Informed.

The church Council will hold an information-packed opening meeting on Saturday, September 9th from 9:00 until noon in Pierce Hall. You'll get updates on critical church initiatives, and learn of important developments in the organizational life of All Souls, and have a chance to vote on next year's Nominating Committee candidates.

The Council is composed of the leaders of church committees, groups and activities. If you are the leader of a church group, be sure to be there. If you are interested in learning more about leadership at All Souls, you are welcome to join us. Please RSVP to leadersretreat@all-souls.org.

Book Group

The next meeting of the Book Discussion Group will be at 4 pm, Sunday, Sept. 10, at the home of Jody Feldman. The book will be *The Kite Runner*, by Khaled Hosseini. Questions? Please email djathman@yahoo.com. The book for October is *Barchester Towers*, by Anthony Trollope.

It's time to select books for the next couple of seasons. Please bring your ideas to this Sept. meeting. We are a welcoming group, fully committed to multicultural in-reach as well as reading a broad selection of literature. If you are looking for a book group that is open to your ideas and point of view, we hope you will join us and help shape our future. We normally meet on the second Sunday of the month at 4 pm. Questions about the Book Discussion Group? Contact Nancy Simon at whittsimon@aol.com.

Fall Classes - Adult Spiritual Development

The Adult Spiritual Development Committee will be offering nearly a dozen courses this fall in Unitarian Universalist History, the Meaning of Beloved Community, Films, Global Warming, and more. Courses beginning in September include Kripalu Yoga, led by Rev. Louise Green on Wednesday nights, and Roots and Wings, a course designed for newcomers to our community led by Barbara Corprew and Chuck Wooldridge on Tuesday evenings. Several more classes begin in October.

Visit the website (www.all-souls.org/groupus/asd.php) or pick up a Course Catalog in the front hall for more information and instructions to register. Choose a course or two to attend and bring a friend!

The ASD Committee is also currently recruiting course ideas and facilitators for the spring. If you have an idea for a course or would like to facilitate a course, please contact Rev. Shana Lynngood or Megan Hanson (meganleighthanson@msn.com).

Autumn Soulstice: Spiritual Commitment. Spiritual Community.

September 30, 2006 — 9:15 am – 3:00 pm

We've coined a new word (Soulstice) to describe an autumn day designed to help us prepare spiritually for the changing seasons. The Autumn Soulstice provides a rare opportunity to reflect and renew; study and practice; celebrate and let go. Agenda highlights include:

General Session - "Ingathering: The Ways of Spiritual Practice" - Rev. Shana Lynngood

Workshops – There are many paths to spiritual development. Choose one of the workshops for the morning small group experience

- Meditation Practices – learn why meditation practices have been chosen paths to enlightenment for thousands of years, take time from your busy life to learn the joy of quiet reflection guided by experienced meditation leaders.
- The Written Word – we will hear inspired readings and then reflect on their meaning to us. Insights will emerge from a guided writing experience. Facilitated by Mary Rojas
- The Spirit in Song – learn to bring the harmonies of music to stir and comfort your soul. In this active workshop we will listen, sing, chant and feel the rhythm. Facilitated by Janiece Kent
- Moving through the Seasons - Inspired by the music of the All Souls Choir we will incorporate sacred breaths, gentle movements, and soulful consciousness to create personal meditation/ritual/dances to mark and accompany the autumnal equinox. Ken Yamaguchi – Clark is dancer in residence at All Souls where he also leads a weekly movement meditation on Sundays at 5 pm.
- Deepening Our Days - Muslims set aside specific times during the day for prayer. So do Christian monastics. What we can learn from this tradition? The workshop will include information on Muslim and Christian practices, opportunities to reflect (silently and aloud) on finding spaces for the spirit in our own days, and a brief worship service based on Benedictine tradition. Facilitated by Peter Winkler

Lunch - A simple meal with thoughts of the developing world

Small Group Gathering

Spirit in Action - opportunities for deeper commitment and community

Cost: \$20 includes lunch and materials

Look in the All Souls Weekly and Happenings for registration information or contact Meredith Higgins – Hargrave at higginsrhp@aol.com or 301.593.7265.

TWO RECYCLABLE ITEMS—Audiotapes you are finished with can be recycled. Also pots (plastic or otherwise). Leave both at the Taping Table in Pierce Hall.

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UUA Lifespan Curriculum Development

Jenice View, a second generation All Souls Church member and Gabrielle Farrell, our Religious Educator, have been contracted by the UUA to write a one of the many pieces of the UUA's new curriculum Lifespan curriculum development efforts. Their component: We Give Thanks: Living Our Faith focuses on Unitarian Universalist History.

Tapestry of Faith Program Development

Mark Hicks, ASC member currently serving on Building the Beloved Community, has been hired to write one of the new Adult Spiritual Development Components -- Tapestry of Faith will be a rich and textured children's program, organized with four strands— Unitarian Universalist religious identity development, faith development, ethical development, and spiritual development—as the threads into which other facets are woven. Big questions, central stories, spiritual practices, sustained anti-bias focus, and UU Principles and Sources are all essential to the fabric. Tapestry of Faith will offer our children programs that hold them in love, ignite their passion for justice, and satisfy their need to know more deeply the diversity and wholeness of our Unitarian Universalist faith.

Newsletter Update

from Jan O'Connell, Administrator



After 3 ½ years of faithful service in producing our monthly Newsletter, Elizabeth Preston has decided it is time to pass the baton. Tracy Butler has stepped into this vacancy and added her own unique and creative style to the publication.

A very warm thank you to Elizabeth for all the heart and soul she has contributed in getting this important communication out for us for so long.

The deadline for submissions to the Newsletter is the 3rd Friday of the month. **The deadline for the October issue is September 15.** Please limit articles to 250 words. See the website for content guidelines. **Send submissions to: spirit@allsouls.ws.**

Survivors of Hiroshima-Nagsaki Visit Church to See Historic Drawings

On Saturday, August 12 three delegates from HIDAN-KYO (Japan Confederation of A- and H- bomb Sufferers Organizations) and several representatives of the Hiroshima/Nagasaki Peace Committee of the National Capital Area met in the library of All Souls to take a look at our collection of Hiroshima drawings acquired during A. Powell Davies' ministry. Davies was an outspoken critic of nuclear proliferation and the use of the bomb on Japanese civilians.

In 1947 All Souls Church collected over a half ton of pencils, crayons, paper, paste and paper clips and distributed them to two schools and an orphanage in Hiroshima. The Japanese children in return sent gifts of drawings and letters to the children of All Souls. The story of these drawings and of the exchange is relatively well-known in Japan. In the United States, they once toured the country with the State Department. For many years these drawings were lost track of, but eventually recovered from a church member's closet. They are now in the process of being professionally restored.

Mel Hardy, Chairman of the ASC Hiroshima Committee, and Kat Shiffler of the ASC Archives presented each of the 48 children's drawings to Shotaro Kodama, Yoshio Sato, and Kazuhiro Yoshimura, who were able to identify many symbols and places depicted in the artwork.

SPACE USE HAS A NEW FORM!

In order for staff to easily distinguish between requests for use of the facility by our congregants and those requesting to rent space, there are now two forms.

The Congregant Space Use Form is for committee functions and church/congregant sponsored events. **The Congregant Space Use Form is REQUIRED for ALL events that necessitate the use of space at All Souls.**

The Space Rental Application is for outside groups where fees apply. Both are available on the website and on the Front Office door. The Congregant Space Use Form is in the top slot of the forms box. The Rental Application is in the second slot and does not offer the use of our A/V equipment.

Please be mindful when submitting these request forms. Hard copy requests may be placed in the Completed Space Forms box in the main office.

In Community

Warm congratulations to **Frankie Lind and Jessica Abramavicious** on their marriage, to **Daene Peterson** on passing her medical board exams, and to **Lisa Sailer** on her role as first violinist in the D.C. Junior Philharmonic.

Kim Vitelli and Micah Watson welcomed a little boy to their hearts and home. **Shirley Thompson and Clyde Solomon** welcomed a second grandson, **Aiden Lewis Solomon** and **William and Jessica Hanff** welcomed their healthy baby girl, **Elisabeth Lara**.

We hope that **Daniel Regan** is on the mend after jaw surgery, that **Otto Ungar** is recovering from a serious fall, and that **Kristan Markey** is feeling better after knee surgery. **Paree Roper** was hospitalized with pneumonia, but is up and around. **Betty Swanson** is back in operation after two knee surgeries, and **Bill Kane** is up and around after brain surgery. **Carol Fisher's children**, who were facing serious medical problems, are doing better. **Michele Brackinridge, Julie Agarwal and Wendy Carter** were all on the mend. **Janis Knorr** and **Margaret Woodward** are back to their fierce backgammon competitions. Lorie Allion reports that **Corie Ernst** is feeling better. We trust **Alberta Henderson's** chipped tooth has been mended, that **Veta Harrison** is doing well after hip replacement

We hope **Janet Randolph** will soon be back at home after a neighbor's fire made her abode unlivable. **Nancy Gist** was wakened at 5 a.m. to hear that her car had been stolen, totaled in an accident, the driver killed.

We're sorry to learn that **Paul Pfeiffer** had a fall, broke two ribs, and was facing surgery on 8/22. Sadly **Bob Freeman** misplaced nearly all of his blood platelets, but as of 8/21 was on the mend, serious causes having been ruled out, and an encouraging number of platelets found. We're sorry about **Eric Goss'** back surgery, about **Lynne Heltman's** broken arm, and are saddened to hear that **Charlie Mason** is now in hospice care.

We send sympathy to **Hally Ahearn** on the loss of her mother, **Lillian Lee**, to **Gail Oliver** on the loss of her mother-in-law **Gloria** and **Sharon Cooke** on the death of her aunt **Lucille**.

Many All Souls members are on the move this summer: **Darcy Baxter and Katherine d'Amato** to San Francisco, **Bob and Ingrid McDonald** to Seattle, **Ashley Garrett** to Bangkok, **Todd Crosby and Stephanie Cryer** to Chicago, **Jennifer Sassaman** to grad. school in Tallahassee. It was good to see **Rebecca Kallem** on her return from Spain. She's now moved on to studies in

New Hampshire. Great to see **Pat McGovern** back from two years in the Peace Corps in Romania. She'll be with her daughter in Seattle for a year.

We bid a final farewell to five of our members this summer: to **Trellis Waxler** after a long battle with cancer, to **Mary Bonner** after many years of kidney disease, to **Emilie Wiggins**, our long time Archivist who died after three years in a nursing home in Virginia, **Al Nicholson** and **Herbert Collins**. Over many years, each of them was a vital part of our Congregation. They'll be sorely missed.

Special Caring List

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers these members of our congregation who are unable to get to church any more: **Jessie Bakeman, Mary Jane Fisher, Virginia Gray, Loretta and Wesley Hanes, Charles Mason, Marianna Sewell, Marietta Sharp, Peter Stebbins** and **Larry Stone**.

Notes or cards would be welcomed. Addresses are in the church directory (in the office or Pierce Hall). You can also visit the Caring Table to sign cards. If you are interested in visiting shut-in members, contact Rev. Lynngood at church (202.332.5266 ext. 106).

Getting Started at All Souls

The Welcoming and Membership Committee invites those interested in learning more about and/or joining ASC to the following sessions.

Step 1. Introduction. Join our Associate Minister, Rev. Shana Lynngood, to learn about UUs and ASC. After service on September 17 from 12:45 am—2 pm.

Step 2. Orientation. Those interested in joining ASC are invited to this three-hour session where you will explore your spirituality, learn about ASC, and tour the church. Those who wish to join can sign the book of members. The next Orientation session will be held on Saturday, September 23 from 9:00—12 noon.

Step 3. New Member Orientation. New members are formally introduced to the congregation during this special Sunday Service, September 24.

All are welcome to attend these sessions. Attendance does not constitute a commitment to join All Souls. It is not necessary to pre-register for these sessions. **Questions, contact Joyce Palmer, ASC Director of Membership: 202.332.5266 ext. 108; jpalmer@allsouls.ws.**

All Souls Church, Unitarian Worship Services

September 10 · “Love and Its Limits” ·

Rev. Hardies

Homecoming Sunday! Fall schedule resumes with services at 10:50 am.

At All Souls, it is our hope that all members discover the source of love in their lives and act on that love in ever-expanding circles. But what does “ever-expanding circles” mean, anyway? How much love does our faith ask of us? And what are the limits of our care and responsibility? The first in a series of sermons called, “The Shape of Our Love.”

September 17 · “Dear Desire” · Rev. Hardies

Religion begins with desire—a longing to be in relationship with the source of love and grace in the world. The Psalmist cries, “As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you...” This morning we explore the nature of this desire and ask how it can be quenched. Another in the series, “The Shape of Our Love.”

September 24 · “Building the Beloved Community,” · Revs. Hardies and Lynnegood

What will it take and what are we doing in our efforts to grow the racial diversity of All Souls, with special outreach efforts in this initial phase toward the African-American community? Come celebrate the diversity of our community and dream about making it more so.

Mission & Ends Statements

Mission Statement of All Souls Church

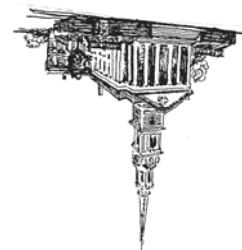
To create a diverse, spirit-growing, justice-seeking community that transforms ourselves and our world into one great family of all souls.

Ends Statements: By 2008 we will be able to say of our congregation:

1. Church members of all ages discover and articulate the source of love in their lives and cultivate the ability to act on that love in ever-expanding circles.
2. All Souls is an ever-more diverse congregation, overcoming the barriers that divide the human family.
3. Our building and grounds are welcoming, comfortable and accessible to all who seek their use in congruence with our mission.
4. All Souls Church is a congregation where members generously share human and financial resources to support our growing mission and ends.
5. All Souls Church is a leader in the Unitarian Universalist movement, by witnessing to UU values in our nation’s capital.
6. The Columbia Heights/Adams Morgan/Mt. Pleasant neighborhood is a more just and compassionate community because of All Souls’ prophetic leadership.
7. All Souls Church is a vibrant and joyful community of communities where all seekers find connection, support and spiritual growth in groups large and small.

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