

***Transition:***

**Settling-in:** The ongoing settling-in process at HCM has involved a lot of work behind the scenes. Adapting our expectations and desires to the leasing parameters will require us to be mindful of the details. Examples: providing hospitality requires us to clean up and return the kitchen and large room to original conditions. The same is true of the sanctuary. We have full use of it on Sundays but cannot leave any printed material in the pews and must remove our Unity unique items from the platform. This necessitates more planned effort to set up and take down each week. This pattern is in part the same as "church in a box." It would be helpful to organize setup and take down teams around the different aspects of Sunday as we go forward.

As you probably noticed, we have received several requests by people to hold classes either on Sundays or other days of the week. Planning how we can "fit" into HCM remains a work in progress.

**I of the Storm Class:** The I of the Storm class will begin January 19, 2023 as an online, zoom, experience. I currently have 10 people signed up to attend.

**Focused Ministry:** The next step of the Power of Focused Ministry will be taken today in our working session. The three non-board members who attended the workshop have said yes to joining us to create our who and why.

***Administration:***

**Youth & Family Ministry:** Our youth will be part of the Sunday service on January 22 to report on their experience at last fall's rallies (YOU/Uniteen).

Leah is planning to hold the traditional intergenerational valentines gathering complete with baked goods following the February 12 Sunday service.

We are also exploring the spring flower sale to run through March (flowers to be delivered before Mother's Day; as well as a Chili Cook Off which could possibly be combined with a volunteer/service appreciation as suggested by Joyce Gerrish.

**Nominating Team:** The nominating team is starting to approach a select list of people about their willingness to serve on the Board of Trustees.

The length of the above report does not reflect the efforts expended by so many people including yourselves to accomplish everything that was required to leave the Brook Street building and accommodate ourselves to Highlands Community Ministries. Now is the time to take a breath and establish a renewed focus on evolving into the new expression of Spirit in action that UOL is opening into.

Namaste,

*Rev David*