
Our Mission/Purpose/Vision Statement(s) or Statement of Being:

How We Implement Our Mission:

Through worship and celebration services, spiritual education, rites of passage, community-building, social events and outreach programs to the larger community

Our Commitment to United Church of Religious Science “Global Heart”:

Whereas in this information age the "global brain" has become an operative reality, we envision the emergence of the Global Heart to balance and guide the further evolution of humanity. We see a world free of homelessness, violence, war, hunger, separation and disenfranchisement. We see a world in which there is generous and continuous sharing of heart and resources ... a world in which forgiveness, whether for errors, injustices, or debts, is the norm ... a world in which borders are irrelevant ... a world which has renewed its emphasis on beauty, nature and love through a resurgence of creativity, art, and aesthetics ... a world in which fellowship prospers and connects through the guidance of spiritual wisdom and experience ... a world in which we live and grow as One Human Family. The spiritual community of "United Church of Religious Science" is united and actuated by this compelling vision of a healthy world — a world experiencing Global Heart — and is ardently committed to bringing this vision forth through its ministries and its transformative teaching. We envision "United Church" as a bridge across the illness and illusion of separation thereby dynamically empowering the vision of Global Heart. "United Church" is a global community of people pervasively caring for and about each other and the entire human family, thereby bringing the gift of active compassion to the world. Our local churches and communities become **"points of inspiration and influence"** effectively advancing the vision of Global Heart.

Vancouver Centre for Spiritual Living is committed to becoming a **"point of inspiration and influence"** using our 2004 Annual Theme . . .

Rev. Candace's Vision for 2004:

Vancouver Centre for Spiritual Living

a religious science church

2004 Theme and Goals

Dedicate 2004 to **Building Spiritual Community**

What does that look like?

Sharing the leadership of the church by involving more of the constituency in the planning and implementation of all activities of the church. To inspire a new generation of leadership through actively inviting individuals to leadership opportunities.

Continuing our tradition of gathering for activities, spiritual practice, social interactions, opportunities to serve and community building. Not only through our regular quality social events such as the family picnic, theatrical evenings, pancake breakfasts, karaoke, dancing, etc., but through a welcoming atmosphere that attracts people to simply “hang out”

Deepening the spiritual community through expanded adult education programs that empower individuals and families to return to the awareness of their personal wholeness.

The local church community working together to reach out to the greater community by means of our Holiday Gift Deliveries, Food Drive with local church(es), Giving Tree with the Salvation Army, Back-to-School Giving project, Cooking Teams at homeless shelters, and Singing at local convalescent care facilities.

Embracing Youth into the awareness of the adults by combining the Youth and Adult newsletters, coordinating Sunday lessons in YFM with adult church, continuing the Candle Lighting Ceremony, featuring a YFM Sunday, remembering that youth are a priority and not a program and by consciously making a space in our awareness and our in facility for our teens.

Monthly Themes, Topics and Books-of-the-Month:

January: Back to Basics: The Building Blocks of Spiritual Community

04	Back to Basics.	The Thing Itself
11	Back to Basics.	The Way It Works
18	Back to Basics.	What It Does
25	Back to Basics.	How to Use It

Book: Science of Mind by Ernest Holmes

February: Building Spiritual Community through Praying Together

01	Praying Together:	How to Pray
08	Praying Together:	Can I Talk to God?

- 15 Praying Together: Begging, Beseeching and Bartering
22 Praying Together: Staying Open to a Greater Good
29 Praying Together: _____

Book: Can We Talk to God? Ernest Holmes (also in March)

March: Building Spiritual Community through Meditating Together

- 07 Meditating Together: How to Meditate
14 Meditating Together: Listening
21 Meditating Together: The "Swampkeeper"
28 Meditating Together: The Community Within

Book: Can We Talk to God? Ernest Holmes (also in February)

April: Building Spiritual Community through Serving Together

- 04 Service as a Spiritual Practice: What Gifts I Bring
11 Service as a Spiritual Practice: The Gift Freely Given
18 Service as a Spiritual Practice: Finding My Place in the Community
25 Service as a Spiritual Practice: Priming the Pump

Book: Random Acts of Kindness ... and ...
Kids' Random Acts of Kindness, Conari Press

May: Building Spiritual Community through Creativity

- 02 Creativity: I'm Not Creative
09 Creativity: Senseless Beauty
16 Creativity: Perfect Patterns
23 Creativity: Drawing a Blank
30 Creativity: _____

Book: A Whack on the Side of the Head by Roger von Oech

June: Building Spiritual Community through Summer School¹

- 06 Building Community thru Summer School – General Ed 101
13 Building Community thru Summer School – Art & Literature 101
20 Building Community thru Summer School – Philosophy 101
27 Building Community thru Summer School – Home Economics 101

¹ Includes Homework and attendance records and stamps and gift for perfect attendance!

Book: Life 101 by Peter McWilliams (also in July) ... and ...
The Family Virtues Guide by Linda Kavelin Popov (also in July)

July: Building Spiritual Community through Summer School²

04 Building Community thru Summer School – History 101
11 Building Community thru Summer School – Anatomy 101
18 Building Community thru Summer School – Accounting 101
25 Building Community thru Summer School – Recess, Detention & Summer
Vacation

Book: Life 101 by Peter McWilliams (also in June) ... and ...
The Family Virtues Guide by Linda Kavelin Popov (also in June)

August: Building Spiritual Community through Forgiveness

01 Forgiveness
08 Forgiveness
15 Forgiveness
22 Forgiveness
29 Forgiveness

Book: How Good Do We Have to Be? By Rabbi Harold S. Kushner

September: Building Spiritual Community thru Honoring God's Creatures

05 Community of Creatures: Wisdom of Geese (helping each other)
12 Community of Creatures: Gyda the Dog (prejudice)
19 Community of Creatures: Imaginary Animals (diversity and abundance)
26 Community of Creatures: Wisdom of Cats and Dogs (different type of
people)

Book: Chicken Soup for the Pet Lover's Soul by Canfield/Hansen/Becker/Kline

October: Building Spiritual Community through Adventures of the Heart

03 Pledge Program #1
10 Pledge Program #2
17 Pledge Program #3
24 Pledge Program #4

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31 Halloween

Book: The Dynamic Laws of Prosperity by Catherine Ponder

November: Building Spiritual Community thru Giving Back to the Community

07 Giving Back to the Community: Feeding Each Other

14 Pledge Program #5 (Wrap Up)

21 Giving Back to the Community: Thanking Each Other

28 Giving Back to the Community: Helping Each Other

Book: The Little Book of Letting Go by Hugh Prather

December: Building Spiritual Community through a Season of Light

05 A Season of Light. Pagan Lights

12 A Season of Light. Chanukah Lights [Protestants displaying Menorahs]

19 A Season of Light. Inner Lights

26 A Season of Light. Christmas Lights

Book: Getting There With Grace by Lisa Marie Coffey

Extra Sermons (from 2001 calendar):

April 29: Service as a Spiritual Practice: Giving From the Overflow

September 30: Community of Creatures: St. Francis of Assisi

December 30: A Season of Light: Kwanzaa Lights