

North Chapel

Our Future in Focus

North Chapel Universalist Society
Woodstock, VT

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Goals for planning

The Planning Committee sought to create unifying themes that:

1. Enable the church to continue to live into the fullest expression of its vision and mission, in light of current and anticipated needs and conditions.
2. Inspire the imagination of the church community and coalesces its energy toward a clear, collective purpose.
3. Guide the church's planning, choices, actions, and use of resources in the near-term (three to five years).

Themes

Celebrate	Broaden	Deepen	Commit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our loving, caring, diverse community • Being a place to seek spiritual insight with freedom from judgment • Our rich offerings of music, poetry, reflection and beauty • Our role in initiating social change • DANIEL! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actively, profoundly welcome everyone • Attract, engage and support families, children, and adolescents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage and support interaction across generations • Enable people to relate more deeply and authentically to themselves and to others 	<p>To a focused approach to social justice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the North Chapel's role in social justice activities • Support existing initiatives • Make responding to the climate crisis our key priority
<p>Organize</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support effective, inclusive, democratic and transparent lay leadership and decision-making. • Stay focused on priorities, while being responsive, flexible and nimble. • Carry out the community's work in a way that allows people to thrive, without overburdening a few. • Practice skillful engagement with matters involving change, so that new possibilities can be aired, vetted, and considered without polarization. • Create longer-term plans for buildings and infrastructure to reflect community needs. • Expand financial resources through effective internal and external fund raising, to provide reasonable stability and sufficient funding to achieve community priorities. 			