

**"But I have raised you up for this very purpose, that I might show you my power and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth" (Exodus 9:16).**

2020 has been a year of anxiety and uncertainty. We had to adapt our behaviors and habits to find new ways to relate and conduct business with others. This year has required us to make more decisions as we navigate our daily lives to ensure safety for others and ourselves. The world is on a journey together, bound together by the unpredictable nature of a pandemic.

A friend reminded me that 2020 was in clear vision; however, many of us are not visionaries. Consider the story of Jesus' birth. The Prophets shared the Good News of Jesus' birth, including prophecies of his virgin birth and birthplace. The stories of the Prophets were told and retold, offering hope for generations. God has a vision.

The purpose of a vision statement is to outline the future by focusing on the church's values and hopes. Simpson has defined our vision as offering spiritual and cultural growth for future generations. Through our Strategic Planning Process, the church leadership has defined four areas to focus our time, energy, and resources.

- Honor, support, and share our Japanese and Japanese American cultural legacy.
- Serve our local and broader community through programming and ministry.
- Expand the SUMC congregation by attracting new individuals and families, re-engaging past members, and continuing the active involvement of our current membership.
- Assure SUMC's continued viability through prudent fiscal management and responsible stewardship.

AROUND HERE, HOWEVER, WE DON'T LOOK  
BACKWARDS FOR VERY LONG. WE KEEP  
MOVING FORWARD, OPENING UP NEW DOORS  
AND DOING NEW THINGS, BECAUSE WE'RE  
CURIOUS... AND CURIOSITY KEEPS LEADING  
US DOWN NEW PATHS

- WALT DISNEY -

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God has a purpose for Simpson! It takes dedication to fulfill the vision that God has for our church. Rising bills, declining income, and a world pandemic adds new layers of complexities. Life circumstances can make it challenging to see God's purpose but God continues to call us forward. God is calling us to change. God is calling us to participate in the transformation of the world. During these times, right now in the life of the church, we witness that God has a plan for us and our vision and purpose is precisely for times such as these.

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Leah

*Thank you!*

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As a friendly reminder, the deadline to submit articles for the monthly newsletter is the 15th of each month.



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