

## The Task Force for developing BUU's Mission and Vision to Complete Renews its Work

Last spring, the BUU congregation completed a core values process. Of all the words in the English language, these three were most important to us: Community, Spirituality, and Social Justice. We also defined the values that we seek in our top core value, community. We want a community which is accepting, compassionate, caring and trustworthy. These core values will be guiding our next work to determine our focus for the future of the congregation.

Our individual view of the world is influenced by the values we hold. Our values become the basis for our mission and vision. We are at the point, now that Reverend Inge has joined us, to proceed with the project to find common ground to create a shared mission and vision. That process will begin at our service on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Reverend Don Rollins, who serves as a consultant to the BUU Task Group, will lead the service. He will provide the groundwork and the rationale for our work. The congregation will then split into small groups led by task group members and friends to talk about Community, our highest value. We will discuss a mission statement for our congregational community at BUU and the wider community in which we live. Two Zoom meetings will be scheduled for August 22<sup>nd</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> so that those who are not able to come to the service in Amado may participate. Announcements and sign-up sheets for these Zoom sessions will go out shortly. The results of these various discussions will then be refined as needed through the summer.

At the same time, the Worship Arts and Social Justice committees will work on mission statements for Spirituality and Social Justice. Their work will then be shared with the congregation for comments and further refining.

Just what are Mission Statements again? Mission statements share the group's purpose with others. Good mission statements will tell people 1) what we do, 2) for whom we do it, and 3) how it will get it done. Mission statements will help us:

- set direction for our future;
- reflect our core values;
- demonstrate commitment to serving others;
- inspire us;
- impel us to action.

Mission Statements are short and impactful. They help prioritize activities. Without them, we have no agreed upon pathways for moving forward together to achieve our vision. Once the mission statements have been agreed upon by the congregation in October through November, the vision will become clear for what BUU aspires to be in the world, and its reason for existence. We hope to complete the entire Values/Mission/Vision Project by the end of the year with plenty of discussion and input from each member. Please join us.

# Borderlands UU Core Values



## Community Values Defined

<b>ACCEPTING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• REGARDING OTHERS FOR WHO THEY ARE without hostility or fear</li></ul>
<b>COMPASSIONATE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• INVOLVES EMOTIONALLY CONNECTING WITH OTHERS (compassion helps us understand what someone needs, and caring drives actions to meet those needs)</li></ul>
<b>CARING</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• INVOLVES ACTION (acts of kindness)</li></ul>
<b>TRUSTWORTHY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• WORTHY OF CONFIDENCE</li></ul>