



***Let Us Build a House . . .***

Our ***Ministry in Progress*** statement<sup>1</sup> asks:

Why are we (Beach United Church) here?  
and  
What is God calling us (as a community) to do?

***In brief, we want to:***

Provide a spiritually-based community of faith for:

- personal transformation & new ways of understanding what “faith” means
- worship and study opportunities & putting personal belief into action
- learning about Jesus while respecting other religious practices & multiple theologies
- exploring life’s deepest issues with respect for personal freedom and choice

Value and support personal relationships & our connectedness to community by:

- offering a place to build deep personal relationships while respecting different faith traditions, cultures, & lifestyles
- welcoming, respecting and celebrating families of all types
- valuing the presence and contribution of all ages

Give care and support to the world, both family and strangers, by:

- being aware of how our communication impacts others & by showing respect for all people
- reaching out to those in the local community who need help
- working with those who are oppressed & respectfully accept diverse gifts

Work for change and social justice by:

- showing respect for the earth and all creatures
- working for change and social justice in the world & being a spirit of hope for change

***In order to do all this, we strive to be:***

***RELEVANT***

***ADAPTIVE***

***SUSTAINABLE***

***AUTHENTIC***

**So what does that mean for Beach United Church as we move forward?**

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.beachunitedchurch.com/Content/10457/213363.pdf>

## **how will we put our words into action as we decide how to use the south portion of our land?**

The south portion of our building will be taken down and our ministry needs will be housed in our sanctuary footprint. We have an opportunity to dream and implement a new use for the south portion of our land. What ideas do you have for how we might use this piece of land?

*dream big   think large   create new   be bold*

write your ideas down and send them to  
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