

Below is a summary of the message Phyllis McCoy shared with us on January 5.

Greetings, Church Family!

What we do not speak lies dormant until we give it life.

We identify ourselves as an interfaith church. How do we think of ourselves? How do we speak about our church?

We are Catholic and Coptic, Baptist and Buddhist, Sufi, Lutheran, Jewish and Anishinaabe. We are all of this and more, and it is important that we deny no part of ourselves; important not to try to be an amalgam of all things. Interfaith does not mean melded as one ideal, rather honoring all the parts of ourselves stored in our DNA. In so doing, we truly honor each one around us.

When I was here in October, Reverend Hutchinson came to me and asked that I help him place an angel in each of the corners of our sanctuary. He, along with Jesus and the angels, reports that in doing so we establish ourselves as a "Cornerstone Church."

How do we commonly think and speak about our church? Many smaller churches speak about "aging out," that their numbers are dwindling and they see the demise of their churches. We here at LSICC also limit ourselves as we refer to finances and numbers, our struggle to survive.

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Our significance does not rely on our numbers. Our significance relies on our faith. We are growing UP! We are a Cornerstone Church, more significant to our community and for Earth than we have yet believed or expressed. Now is the time to feel it, speak it, think it! Are we ready to shift words and thoughts to expand into that image?

Here we have our challenge and our promise: to grow into this magnificent body of faith - our Cornerstone Church. We are growing UP!