

Shared Ministry: Our Vision, Our Passion

Meeting Minutes
August 23, 2009, Home of Truth, Alameda

Opening:

Peter Hand welcomed everyone to the meeting and Richard Stromer lit the chalice and read an opening reading.

Present:

Twenty-seven members and friends participated in this meeting.

A. Agenda

Robert Mittman, the day's facilitator, introduced the agenda. Following the welcome, each person present went through a Personal Ministry Exercise. Robert gave us 15 minutes to complete the exercise and then invited people to read aloud their final statement. About half of the people present shared their personal ministry statements.

B. Our Shared Ministry

Robert provided each person with a stack of 5x8 index cards and a chunky marker. Our instructions were to consider what actions/concepts we felt were part of the ministry of our fellowship and to write one concept per card.

Robert then picked one person to read the words on one of their cards. He gathered cards from others who had similar words on one of theirs and set those in a pile. Choosing another person to read from one card, he continued this process until all the cards were in piles "mapped" by topic or category.

Robert then summarized the results for us, making a recording of his analysis, for later transcription.

Adjournment:

We stood in a circle and Kate led us in song. Richard then shared a closing reading.

Minutes submitted by: Lisa Fry, June 2, 2009