

Congregational Responses from May 21st Service – “Swimming to the Other Side”

“It’s important to me that my faith community is _____ because _____.”

- ❖ Relative or relevant so it can make a difference to its community.
- ❖ Is always here because the world needs a place like this of thoughtfulness and kindness.
- ❖ Engaged in the community because we need to care and be involved with/for our neighbors, friends, and family.
- ❖ Inclusive because it is open to all and helpful.
- ❖ Accepting to keep and attract the community.
- ❖ Free of dogma because it is the heart of open mindedness and open heartedness.
- ❖ My definition is of a free society where it is safe to be open and kind to others. Let it be!
- ❖ Helpful because we all need help some time.
- ❖ Forgiving because none of us are perfect and we could all use forgiveness.
- ❖ Open and flexible because there is so much to learn, and things change with time (and me).
- ❖ Nonjudgmental to see the truth in love.
- ❖ Compassionate because we all need to be accepted by a power greater than ourselves.
- ❖ Sustainable because it needs to stay relevant through the changes that are happening now.
- ❖ Engaged because the world, our natural environment, is in trouble.
- ❖ Open to welcome all.
- ❖ Dedicated to its principles intentionally acting on them in all aspects of its congregational life.
- ❖ Accepting so we can be together.
- ❖ Committed because I want to be with folks who are ready to fight (work) for the rights of all.
- ❖ Educational because to do something different we must see and understand the options.
- ❖ Accepting because I want to be proud of what I have chosen as my community.