

**Vision Workshop Report  
UCCH Strategic Planning  
May 18, 2019**

**Part 4: Final Headlines offered by Individual Attendees**

***Question posed to attendees: If, five years from now, someone were to write a news article about UCCH, what would you want it to say?***

*(responses re-ordered to put similar headlines together)*

Remarkable congregation infused with energy by truly welcoming and valuing all who enter  
A true church for everyone! May it be a model for all

There is room at the table for EVERYONE!

United Church of Chapel Hill: National leader in radical welcome and multicultural inclusion  
UCCH welcomes all:

UCCH is a safe place to share differences and find commonalities

UCCH is a safe place to bring our humanity, our passions, fears and doubts

UCCH welcomes all: conservative and liberal, progressive and fundamentalist, rich and poor, gender clear and unclear, educated and ignorant, ok

UCCH focuses on diversity – of background, points of view, way of life

UCCH, a radically inclusive community – multilingual, LGBTQ families, raising children

Southern congregation embraces diversity – setting the highwater mark for houses of worship

UCCH: chorales, cafes, casseroles, contemplatives and courageous connections

United Church of Chapel Hill: Home to people of many cultures

UCCH sets the bar for the truly multicultural church: Set to be modeled through the Southeast

UCC church in Chapel Hill, NC, shares pulpit with preachers of multiple faiths: Buddhists, Muslims, Jews, Christians, Hindus

Inclusión es acción... UCC of Chapel Hill te espera (Inclusion is action... UCC of Chapel Hill waits for you)

UCCH leads the way in social justice and inclusion

United Church: A diverse community of love and justice

UCCH is a welcoming, caring, justice seeking, joyful community

UCCH strives for a Beloved Community where all are welcome

United Church of Chapel Hill: A diverse community united for good

UCCH has become a truly diverse congregation that focuses on spreading God's love and justice for all

United Church of Chapel Hill: Welcoming, diverse, mission-oriented congregation serving not only the local community but the larger global community

Finally, a church that somehow unites people of all ages, races, languages, gender identity, sexual preference in a warm and joyful community of worship, caring and doing to change the world to love

UCCH achieves exceptional cultural diversity and community involvement across a myriad of local and global initiatives where other congregations have struggled

UCCH stops talking social justice (ad nauseum) and acts...

A church that practices what it preaches

United Church turns dreams into actions!

United Church boldly embodies its faith in action, both within and without

Entire Chapel Hill congregation arrested for civil disobedience

Local church leads town's reconciliation

United Church of Chapel Hill leads community in outreach to low income, those left behind by the culture and economy

Chapel Hill congregation leads Southern churches in prophetic Christian witness

UCCH is a major positive force for good

Compassionate and courageous congregation reunites to focus on addressing the social justice issues of their community and beyond

UCCH is a congregation that shows love and justice to the world and to everyone in the world

UCCH – A congregation that services with its feet

Chapel Hill church works for justice, equality and peace

UCCH: A loving community that challenges cultural norms as a blended congregation engaged in social justice actions

UCCH – Living into Christianity with compassion and action

Church strikes happy medium between needs of congregation and following the word of Jesus

Rooted in progressive faith formation, local ministry moves mountains through service

UCC significa amor (UCC means love)

UCC: lugar de amor incondicional (UCC: a place of unconditional love)

UCC: diversidad con amor (UCC: diversity with love)

Local church loves into being the Beloved Community

UCC demonstrates what it truly means to live out the Beloved Community, both within the church and beyond!

A truly diverse and inclusive [church] shares its roadmap, pitfalls, and journey to being and living as Christ lived

United Church of Chapel Hill leads the way in diversity

Local church maintains increasing diversity

Multi-racial, multi-ethnic creation-based congregation leads the way!

Sunday the most segregated day of the week? Not at this Chapel Hill, NC, church

Sunday is no longer America's most segregated hour – at least not here

Historically white church in NC increase people of color membership two-fold in five years

United Church of Chapel Hill tackles racism with intentionality

Grounded, diverse, multigenerational congregation is leader in anti-racism movement

Courageous church faces own racism, embraces change

An intersectional community of faith that confronts our dangerous comforts in racism

UCCH compassionately faces racism

White, upper-middle class church transforms in middle of privileged Chapel Hill

Finally! A racially equitable church that lives as Jesus did!  
UCCH is truly universal church: Multilingual, -cultural, -racial, -economic, -ethnic...  
All united through love of God and creation  
UCCH has had a huge impact in NC on racism and climate change in society

UCCH instrumental in pushing government to take meaningful action on climate change  
UCCH leads green congregation movement: CO<sub>2</sub> emissions cut in half!

Inclusive and diverse congregation makes striking impact on community's health & well-being  
UCCH commits mentors to Blue Ribbon Mentor Advocate program and every school's equity committee  
United Church: Dying to materialism to embrace love of all people and all creation

Active, diverse, thriving congregation a model for our times  
UCCH is both a community of faith in action and a community of love and support  
UCCH: An open, connected community reaching out to others  
UCCH - Prototype of a new, inclusive Christianity  
Welcoming and serving all  
Caring for the earth, and  
Creating positive change in the world

A loving and nurturing community that honors and respects each other's various callings and passions without judgment

Rev. X (female name) speaks to NC legislature at passing of ground-breaking Domestic Violence Prevention Act  
Five years later: Number of deaths from domestic violence has dropped 50%

God is still speaking!  
We are still listening  
Chapel Hill church celebrates fourth anniversary of the day they let go and listened  
"We looked within then truly heard one another. Results were amazing."  
God works in mysterious ways (even at UCCH)

A House for Healing Our Hurts

UCCH's excellent Christian education programs appeal to the diversity of Chapel Hill-Carrboro  
I recently attended a service of UCCH. The youth of the church recently returned from a mission trip. A multi-racial group of over 50 youth helped build Habitat homes in Alabama.  
UCCH takes bold steps to help all youth gain a stake in society  
Becomes "go to" church for youth  
NYT May 2024: NC church plays a crucial role in the US youth climate movement  
Established church in Chapel Hill continues to help families raise children with acceptance for all people  
United Church a hub for faith-rooted youth organizing in the Triangle

