

Our OPC Vision and Planning Team has been busy for the past seven months developing **4RFuture**, a re-Visioning process that will engage our whole congregation in seeking a fresh vision for ministry. Over the summer we are inviting you to **REFLECT** on our OPC story. Please consider sharing some reflections on the walls of our Narthex that say something about our congregational DNA and our unique character as a congregation. Do you have a defining story to share?

The month of October will be the time for most active participation in **4RFuture**. We hope that the entire congregation will be engaged—working together as a community of faith in seeking God’s new vision for ministry at OPC. Here are some of the ways that we will seek God’s guidance:

1. **Prayer**—4RFuture begins with and is grounded in prayer. The desire to listen for God’s voice is the first step of discerning a fresh vision. All of our prayer groups through September and October will be focused on praying for the Holy Spirit to open the congregation and it’s leaders to discern more clearly Jesus’ vision and purpose for ministry. All congregation members are invited to join in this prayer.
2. **Silent Retreat**—In early July Rev. Tim used a week of study leave to go apart for silence, prayer, and Scripture reading under the guidance of Fr. Charles Pottie-Paté. This was a time of preparation and waiting for God—making himself quietly available and supple for the work that the Spirit will empower and reveal.
3. **Four-Week Small Group Study Groups** (for Elders and Vision and Planning Team Members)—During October these leaders will meet in weekly small groups that will focus on growing gifts of spiritual leadership and greater openness to the Holy Spirit. We will use Timothy Geoffrion’s book, *The Spirit Led Leader* as a guide for group discussion and prayer. Each participate will also meet with a Prayer Partner once each week.
4. **Four-Week Worship Series for the Congregation**—During the four weeks corresponding to the small groups, the whole congregation will participate in a worship series focused on the Christian practice of discerning God’s will and guidance, as we seek to be awake and alive to the leading of the Holy Spirit.
5. **Congregational Discernment Event**—Following our 10am Service on October 29 everyone connected with our congregation is invited to sit down to lunch, followed by prayerful discussion in table groups about the ministry of Oakridge Church and a fresh vision for the future.
6. **Discernment Retreat** (for Elders and Vision and Planning Team Members) Drawing on the entire 4RFuture Process, on Saturday, November 18, elders and Vision and Planning Team members will spend a day apart to listen for the voice of Christ and begin to articulate together God’s fresh vision for Oakridge Church.

Under the leadership of Rev. Tim your **Vision and Planning Team** is made up of Tracey McIntyre (Co-convenor), Tae Sang Ahn, Jin Young Bang, Diane Bewick, Ian Buchanan, Naomi Chung, Brock Childerhose, Janet Donkervoort, Jeff Hopkins, Sean Marques, Naomi Park, and Andrew Reid.