

Oakland Baptist Church
VISION TEAM WRITING RETREAT
September 11, 2021 * 9:00AM-3:00PM

9:00	Welcome and Reconnecting as a Team	Leigh
	Devotion	Angie
	Prayer for Trust, Holy Indifference, and Wisdom	Dan
	Review of How We Got Here and Where We Are Going	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Timeline of process• Clarifying our language<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Defining core positives (values)○ Defining God-sized dreams (goals)○ Defining representative initiatives (strategies)• Making this authentically OBC• Template for writing retreat<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ We are a church that values _____.<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ With God's help, we will _____.<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Our strategies to accomplish this include:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ S1:○ S2:○ S3:○ Example template• What else needs clarifying?	Suzanne Leigh Jeff
	Retreat Logistics	Jeff
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify Wordsmithing Team• Identify Time Limits	
10:00	Revisiting Previous Work	Jeff
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Should all core positives (values) be included in our God-sized dreams (goals)?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Missions-minded○ Relationships○ Inclusive/Welcoming○ Individual Freedom• What isn't included but should be?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Spiritual Formation?○ Growing Young (Intergenerational Relationships)?○ Others?<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Are these core positives (values) or initiatives (strategies)?▪ Are they pointing us to a God-sized dream (goals)?• What specific ideas are being congregationally discussed and need to be heard by the Vision Team?	

11:00 Putting the Pieces Together Jeff

11:30 Lunch

12:00 Discerning God's Call Jayne

- Completing template for each core positive (value)
 - We are a church that values _____.
 - With God's help, we will _____.
 - Our strategies to accomplish this include:
 - S1:
 - S2:
 - S3:
- 30-minute time limit for each core positive (value)
- If time permits, review unfinished work
- Hand off to wordsmithing team

2:30 Next Steps Jeff

- Calendar upcoming meetings
 - October weekly zoom meetings
 - November/December follow up meeting
- Calendar upcoming congregational gatherings
 - November 10—Draft vision report to congregation (6:00PM)
 - January 9—Bill Wilson preaching on church growth
 - January 23—State of the Church; Vision Team presentation
 - January 30—Vision Sermon 1 (1st Core Positive and Goal)
 - February 6—Vision Sermon 2 (2nd Core Positive and Goal)
 - February 13—Vision Sermon 3 (3rd Core Positive and Goal)
 - February 20—Vision Sermon 4 (4th Core Positive and Goal)
 - February 27—Commitment Sunday
- Review assignments

Guided Prayer Time

Suzanne