

The background is a vibrant, circular mosaic. At the center is a small, white circular medallion containing a brown silhouette of a human figure. This medallion is surrounded by several concentric rings of mosaic tiles. The tiles are in various colors, including blue, red, yellow, green, and white, and are arranged in a complex, swirling pattern that creates a sense of depth and movement. The overall effect is that of a rich, textured artwork.

The Shape of Seekers

Time & Space Mission Group

December 2020

Here is a brief summary of the life of Time & Space Mission Group in 2020 in response to God's call to help us "fill Seekers Church building with bountiful life, and invite the gracious use of time and space."

This past year brought us a major change in our ministry of offering our space as a home for community life. Since we closed our space in March to help suppress the Covid-19 pandemic, the only regular outside user of our space has been the Preparatory School of DC. They conducted on-site classes until the lockdown in March, then used our space to conduct distance learning.

During the year Time & Space Mission Group has coordinated maintenance of the building, and several major repairs, including restoring the internet connectivity, repairing the historic brick chimney, replacing a broken window in the driveway, routine painting of the wood trim on the street and driveway sides, and replacing the refrigerator in the kitchen.

We look forward to the day when we can return to nurturing the community of communities that find our space to be a welcoming place to support their community life.

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Call of the Time and Space Mission Group

We are called to:

- Fill Seekers Church building with bountiful life, and invite the gracious use of time and space.
- Love our building in the service of ministries and missions of Seekers Church and other groups.
- Be a bridge between Seekers and other users of our building, fostering communication with them and with the wider community.
- Welcome other groups and individuals and invite them to explore a deeper relationship with Seekers Church.

We believe that God is calling each person to be engaged in service to others in a particular way, and that the community can help individuals respond to that call through prayerful discernment and compassionate support.

To carry out our call, the Mission Group will:

- Encourage use of our space by Seekers for our current and emerging missions and ministries;
- Facilitate use of our space by others, especially those whose calls and visions are in harmony with our own, sharing Seekers' life with them and encouraging relationships between them and members of Seekers Church; and
- Care for our building, practicing good maintenance while keeping our focus on missions and ministry.

To deal with time and space, the Mission Group may hire, supervise and support a coordinator, contractors, and others, following the guidance of Stewards. We commit to continually discern God's leading for the use and care of our building. Members of the Mission Group commit to regular meetings, mutual support, spiritual practices, and accountability.

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A Few Facts about Seekers Church ...

- **Small (48 Members; 18 Stewards; 7 children & youth)**
- **Scattered (all across the greater Washington DC area)**
- **Active (Sunday attendance ~ 60 on Zoom)**
- **Annual Budget ~ \$282,500**



Room for our life together and “Ministry of Place”

- **2 Office tenants (AIS-DCSMD, New Story Leadership)**
- **6 other faith communities worship here**
- **Community group use limited by Covid-19 closure**
- **Preparatory School of DC remote teaching from building**
- **~190 events by outside groups in 2020 (~ 790 in 2019)**

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SPIRITUAL COMMUNITIES SHARING OUR SPACE

Covenant Christian Community Church

~~Fabrangen Cheder *~~

~~Blue Mountain Center for Meditation *~~

~~Insight Meditation Community of Washington *~~

Silver Spring Zendo/One Heart Sangha

~~Triumphant Victory Christian Church *~~

~~Pavilion of God *~~

~~Church of the Virgin Mother *~~

~~Immanent Church Council *~~

Citadel of Champions

Inspiration Community & Consciousness School

Carmel Ethiopian Church



*** NOTE: Building use planned but cancelled because of the pandemic.**

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Other Activities in Our Space

Waterkeepers
of the
Chesapeake

Support Groups



Preparatory School
of DC

Yoga

Interplay

Spiritual Direction

Meditation groups

Forum for Youth
Investment



CPR Training

Recital

12-Step groups

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Outside Groups

Office

- International Foundation for Gender Education
- Alanon/Alateen Info Service of DC MD
- New Story Leadership

Faith

- Covenant Christian Community Church
- Silver Spring Zendo
- Inspiration Community & Consciousness School
- Citadel of Champions
- Carmel Ethiopian Church

12-Step

- Every Sunday Parent Al-Anon
- Emotions Anonymous
- Let It Begin With Me
- Overeaters Anonymous

Education

Preparatory Charter School of DC

Music/Arts/Dance/Movement

- Carpe Diem Community Sing
- Community Yoga
- InterPlay

Non-Profit Groups

- Forum for Youth Investment
- TFC Lifesavers
- Waterkeepers Chesapeake

Other

- Recital

Ministry of Place (2019)

EVENTS PER MONTH
 (not counting Seekers or office activity)

January: 68
 February: 72
 March: 47
 April: 0
 May: 0
 June: 0
 July: 0
 August: 0
 September: 0
 October: 0
 November: 0
 December: 1
TOTAL 188

User Contributions
\$25,833
 (Estimate)



Events

Daily Office Operations

Celebrations

Classes

Concerts

Healing Groups

Meditation Groups

Mission Groups

Board Meetings

Songfests

Support Groups

Training

Therapy

Workshops

Worship

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Building Use Coordinator

- Represent Seekers Church with groups using the space.
- Maintain the schedule of building use and on-line calendar.
- Maintain records of building use.
- Ensure the facilities are ready for use as required.
- Ensure that new users are welcomed and oriented.
- Ensure contributions are collected, recorded and forwarded to the Treasurer of Seekers Church.
- Compensated by Seekers (1 day/week equivalent).
- Accountable to Time & Space Mission Group.

