

In 2022 we began to have more interest from outside groups in using our space. By the end of 2022, six of the 15 outside groups that regularly used our space had returned. During the year Time & Space Mission Group continued to coordinate maintenance of the building.

Late last year the Washington area Al-Anon/Alateen Information Service of Washington DC (AIS-CSMD) ended their use of our office on the street level. New Story Leadership is planning to move out of the office upstairs next to the meditation room. We hope to find new organizations that will benefit from use of our space.

In December, Katie Fisher, our long-time building use manager, determined that the time had come for her to step aside from those responsibilities. The mission group accepted her decision and sounded a call for a new person to coordinate use of our space. In early January 2023 Glen Yakushiji responded to that call and was affirmed by the mission group to begin serving in that role in mid-February. During the year Bill Drehmann took leave as a member of the mission group, attending occasional meetings and work parties as his schedule permitted.

We are encouraged by the growing interest in the wider community to use our building to support their missions and ministries.

December 2022

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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.

### **SEEKERS CHURCH**

# A Christian Community

*In the Tradition of the Church of the Saviour* 

# A Few Facts about Seekers Church ...

- Small (66 Members, including 18 Stewards & 3 of our 5 youth)
- Scattered (across the Washington DC area & on Zoom)
- Active (Sunday attendance ~ 50)
- Annual Budget ~ \$284,000

# Room for our life together and "Ministry of Place"

- 2 Office tenants, both relocating from Seekers
  - Alanon/Alateen Information Service
  - New Story Leadership
- Community groups are beginning to return to using our space
- 110 Events by 19 outside groups and 3 individuals in 2022





# **Community Activities in Our Space**

Support Group Meetings

Craft Show

Mindfulness Meditation

Youth Music Camp

Weddings

Community/ Journey

Buddhist Meditation

12 Step Meetings Martial Arts Training

Interplay

Charter School Staff Training

Birthday Parties

Outreach Ministries

Christian Worship

Jewish Worship

Policy Advocacy Staff Meetings Concerts

Dramatic Rehearsal

Young Adult Meditation Folk Dance Celebrations



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Ministry of Place (2022)

## **Outside Groups Using Our Space**

**Types of Events** Office **Daily Office Operations** Alanon/Alateen Info Service of DC MD **New Story Leadership Celebrations** (not counting Seekers or office activity) EVENTS PER MONTH **Faith** Concert **Cheder Community Fifty Years of Christian Discipleship Craft Show Insight Meditation Community** Interplay January: 3 **Shambala Meditation Center** User Contributions **Martial Arts Training Visions of the Heart** February: 6 \$ 14,215 **Young Adult Sangha Staff Training** March: 4 8th Day Faith Community April: 3 **Support Groups** Music/Arts/Dance/Movement Carpe Diem May: 4 Workshops Institute of Musical Traditions June: 4 **Worship** InterPlay July: 12 August: 10 **Takoma Park Craftswomen** 12-Step Meetings September: 13 **Tisza Ensemble (Hungarian Dance) Education** October: 4 November: 14 **Capital City Charter Public Schools** December: 23 **Positive Impact Martial Arts Policy** TOTAL 110 **Center for Medicare Advocacy** Other Al-Anon Dec 2022 Asians and Friends of DC Individual Users (Weddings, birthday celebrations, etc.)

# **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.

