

# Adult Enrichment - April Buddhist Meditation

Tues. 7:00 PM; Wed. 10 AM

Sessions utilizing the teachings of Viet-nameese Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh will feature sitting and walking meditations, readings and discussions. Mindfulness, the practice of self-awareness in every moment, forms the basis of the teachings. Thich Nhat Hanh was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize and has written more than 30 books. His work has spread world-wide. The program is offered by the Community of Mindful Living, Southern Oregon which has sanghas in Ashland and Jacksonville. Call Susan Hansen at 201-1949 for information.

## Board Notes for 3/7/01 Next Meeting : April 4

Reports from the Minister, DRE and Treasurer were received. Note was made of the impact of a colder winter and the increased cost of gas on the heating allocation, of which more than 60% had been expended by the end of February.

The latest revisions of proposed policies regarding Childcare, Fund Raisers, and Endorsement were considered and will be put in final form for action at the April Board meeting.

- Lithia Sound's proposal for a new sound system was approved, subject to additional funds being raised beyond the amount to be borrowed from the Tweedie Fund.
- The Director of Religious Education's request to utilize classroom space for private instruction, in a similar manner to that of the Music Director, was approved.
- A motion was approved to establish a Task Force to assemble Visions and the results of the two recent surveys into a report recommending steps or actions to be taken in support of the visions.
- A motion to add Walter Ensign to and delete Phil Hart from those who may sign on the KeyBank account was also approved.

The Board has a Work Session each month in addition to the regular meeting. Work on the Personnel Policy Manual is progressing while text is converted from Mac to PC format, thanks to Phil Hart.

-Caroline Harris and Walter Ensign

# Visioning Workshop in March: Results and Follow-up

On March 3rd, over 45 members and friends of RVUUF gathered to formulate our visions for the coming year or so. All worked fervently, offering their thoughts, hopes, dreams, and concerns. Each of the five small groups reported out three or more visions from the longer lists they com-piled in their morning brainstorming sessions. A new list of the group selections was made, from which the assembly selected their top three visions to close the workshop. Discussions were lively and heated at times, with strong views coming forward from many, sometimes about the process itself. The following selections made the final cut:

- \*To improve communication within ourselves (23 votes)
  
- \* to deepen our spiritual experiences, individually and congregationally (22 votes);
- \* to build and improve institutional and committee structures (19 votes);
- \* to welcome and integrate newcomers (17 votes).

Later, the Executive Committee of the Board recommended to the Board that follow-up be imple-mented by a special ad hoc Task Force that would consider not only all data provided by the Visioning Workshop, but also the data resultant of the December (Board) Survey and the January Committee on Fellowship Ministry survey. The Task Force will include Reverend Patt, Beth Coye, Ron Iverson and Jennifer Hall. Together, these pieces, our “findings,” should document what members and friends feel are top concerns and dreams within the Fellowship for the immedi-ate future. The Task Force will make recommendations to Leadership Council (LC) based on the findings. LC will send them on to the Board with comments. Stay tuned!  
-Beth F. Coye, Vice President (Programs)