Notes from the March 30, 2025 Dream and Dine Event

Organizers: Christine Nadeau and Cristina Rich

Attendees - 18 congregation members

The event was called to provide input on the types of activities and actions the CTL congregation wants to support during 2025.

An easel board was available for 3-4 Sundays prior to the event so that congregation members could write down their ideas. Additional ideas could be proposed during the event itself.

Ideas were discussed in the order they were written on the easel board. Attendees were asked to raise their hand if they were interested in pursuing each item. The ideas and their votes were:

Suggested Activity or Action	# of votes
Invite guest speakers for public meeting hosted by CTL - Seniors Cybersecurity, CPR class, AARP, "Know your immigration rights", etc. (maybe have some on Zoom?)	11
SOS Richmond (Safe Organized Spaces) - partner with this group that provides showers and laundry facilities for the unhoused. We could donate to provide towels, bath soap, shampoo, laundry soap, etc. for their mobile shower and laundry facilities. Elsa and Susan Gallegos volunteered to lead this activity. They will ask for brochures and talk with someone at SOS Richmond about how we can assist their organization.	10
attend public social justice events wearing our CTL t-shirts	10
develop a Social Justice group at CTL	9
Have an annual Earth Day event at CTL (Pinole's Earth Walk is scheduled for Saturday, April 19 from 9 am - 11 am and will start & end in Fernandez Park)	9
Drum Circle	8
Join Faith-in-Action as a congregation	8
Movie Night: 3-4 times per year (loan of " <i>Conclave</i> " on DVD is available if requested)	7

Outings/Excursions (such as an SF Bay cruise, museum trip, etc.)	7
Have an in-person Shrove Tuesday event in 2026	7
"My Story" - writing your own autobiography. If interested, please contact Christine Nadeau and she can send you more information	5
Book Club (possibly on Zoom) - religious or spiritual topics - general topics	5 3
In-person Bible study group that meets after church on Sunday	4
Prayers for Pinole - spend 1-2 hours at the Pinole Farmer's Market once a month to provide opportunity for market-goers to request prayers. We then pray for those requests and for our community in general.	3
Game Night	3
Bible study or revived Covenant Group	1

Women's Breakfast meeting - there was general agreement that it would be good to restart this group. Needs a lead/organizer.

Others:

MAYBE - silent movie night with organ/piano accompaniment that would be open to the public (Chris Cornish will check into the availability of a friend who plays organ regarding this type of event at CTL)

We also affirmed the importance of having flyers for each CTL public event - and having volunteers to distribute those to local stores and the neighborhood. Also, should ensure that sandwich advertising signs are put up at the Tennent Ave/San Pablo Ave. intersection for public events. Karen Daughters volunteered to mail out flyers from her home for the Plant Sale, including postage. Through the Contra Costa Interfaith Council, we can also partner with other faith groups in outreach activities.