

Membership Service – October 8, 2017
Sense-Making Readings (Round #1)

<p>#1 Grayson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We don't receive wisdom; we must discover it for ourselves after a journey that no one can take for us. <i>Marcel Proust</i>
<p>#2 Rebecca</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You cannot travel the path until you have become the path. <i>Gautama Buddha</i>
<p>#3 Amy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Darwin . . . has given us a place in a new story with multiple layers of meaning. That story, the great epic of cosmic and biological evolution, is a religious story because it calls us out of our little self-centered worlds to see ourselves as part of a great living system. It gives larger meaning and a broader ethic to our lives. <i>Denis McCarty</i>
<p>#4 Lincoln</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whoever kills a soul, it is as if he had slain mankind entirely. And whoever saves one soul, it is as if he had saved mankind entirely. <i>Mohammed (Sura 5:32)</i>
<p>#5 Linda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We shall not cease from exploration/And the end of all our exploring/Will be to arrive where we started/And know the place for the first time. <i>T. S. Eliot</i>
<p>#6 David</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A god that children of the Enlightenment can believe in can't save a favored believer or clear a parking spot when it rains. Consciousness and choice enter the divine picture only through us—through our consciousness and our choices (thus, to say that we are the presence of God in this world is not a metaphor). <i>Galen Guengerich</i>

Sense-Making Readings (Round #2)

<p>#7 Grayson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our greatness lies not so much in being able to remake the world, as in being able to remake ourselves. <i>Gandhi</i>
<p>#8 Rebecca</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Before the river was crossed, the two shores, human and divine, seemed as different as night and day, but once the crossing has been effected, no dichotomy remains. The realm of the gods is no distinct place; it is where the traveler now stands. <i>Huston Smith</i>
<p>#9 Amy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Though our knowledge is incomplete, our truth partial, and our love uneven, new light is ever waiting to break through individual hearts and minds to enlighten our ways. <i>N. W. Lovely</i>
<p>#10 Lincoln</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If those who lead you say, “look, the Kingdom is in the sky,” then the birds of the sky will get there before you. If they say to you, “It is in the sea,” then the fish will get there before you. Rather, the Kingdom is spread out upon the earth, and people do not see it. <i>Jesus</i>
<p>#11 Linda</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A search for connection is at the heart of all spiritual traditions and practices. The spiritual journey is a pathway into the depths of our being and also a journey of transcending the stifling confines of the self. <i>Peter Morales</i>
<p>#12 David</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To join a (religious community) is to enter a covenant to walk with other members in the spirit of neighborly love. The goal of everything gathered members do is “edification,” or mutual learning and teaching concerning the many and complex ways of love. . . Reasoning together in the spirit of love, they can discern whither love leads. <i>Alice Blair Wesley</i>