

Committee/Team Name: Soul Matters In-Person

Purpose of Committee: Spiritual Exploration

Members:

Major Actions of 2025/26

- Action 1
Soul Matters meetings are held the last Sunday of every month.
- Action 2
Movies are shown in the church on the last Friday of every month. These movies include
After movie discussions related to Soul Matters Themes.
- Action 3
 - Details (if needed)

Outcomes Achieved

- Participant numbers in the In-Person group have grown and at this time an average of 10 people attend the monthly meetings regularly. However I have 15 participants who have expressed interest and are on my e-mail list. In fall of 2025 we had 8 participants so the numbers have grown significantly since the beginning of this year. This increase in numbers is largely due to new people who have visited or have recently joined the church.
- Anywhere from 8-14 people attend the monthly movie night.

Planned Actions for 2026/27

- Continue with SM monthly meetings
- Continue with monthly Movie Night
- Work with Membership Committee to welcome visitors, make them aware that UCE offers Spiritual Exploration through the Soul Matters groups.

Recommendations for Board Consideration (if any)

- Increase awareness of the UCE Spiritual Exploration through Soul Matters
- Information on what Soul Matters is about to the church members as there is confusion on what this group is about.

- Services centered around the Soul Matters theme using the resources in the package through which congregants/newcomers gain awareness of this Soul Matters group.
- Starting a second Online Soul Matters group. This would open up possibilities for those who attend church Online.
- Include SM facilitators in church committee meetings where SM could be involved (almost all). This includes the various ministries of the church. In doing so, Soul Matters will be recognized as an additional source of Spiritual Exploration to Sunday Services. More people will benefit through its involvement. It is an adjunct/corollary to Sunday service.
- On the present website enter Soul Matters and what this ministry entails under the Spiritual Exploration tab. There is nothing under this tab at present. If new members come to the church after visiting the website, then we are missing out on letting the public know we have spiritual enriching groups in addition to Sunday Service. This does not need to wait until we have the new website.
- Continue to work with the Membership Committee and introduce them to Soul Matters. Follow/up with an e-mail and invitation to join a monthly meeting.
- Funding for training in the fall of 2026.

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