

Committee/Team Name: Online Soul Matters Small Group Ministry

Purpose of Committee: To deepen relationships among members of the congregation and explore Soul Matters topics together to do so.

Members: Ilara Stefaniuk-Gaudet (facilitator), Louise Charach, Audrey Brooks, Ruth Patrick, Carol Hutchings, Marg Booker, Sue Lynch

Major Actions of 2025/26

- Gathered monthly with consistency and commitment
- Had an in-person gathering in early winter
 - This further deepened our connections and allowed us to share food and have conversations about UCE as a whole outside of our usual monthly conversation structure.
- Decided to host a Sunday Worship Service

Outcomes Achieved

- Provided a space of deep listening and relating for members
- Expanded our thinking

Planned Actions for 2026/27

- Being more intentional about getting the word out so others may join in the next church year. We can easily welcome two more members.
- Running two Sunday Worship Services to deepen our ministry in the larger congregational community and broaden our impact

Recommendations for Board Consideration (if any)

- It would be lovely if one of our new members were a Board Member. This would help deepen our impact further and possibly expand programming in future.

Submitted by: Ilara Stefaniuk-Gaudet, online group facilitator