

Informal Analysis of Question #1: What attracts you theologically to CCC?

The following *themes* were discussed in 4/4 of the groups as important theologically:

- ***Tri-Faith Connection***
 - Openness (to people of all different beliefs)
 - Celebrate
 - Welcome
 - Weekly focus

- ***Progressive Theology/Christianity***
 - We don't have to believe the same way or as other Christians
 - There isn't a rigidity to our theology
 - We are open to learning and ever changing. Always looking and refreshing to meet the needs of God's people including our own
 - Inclusive/Open and Affirming
 - What is the Bible saying in the context of today
 - There isn't a group think mentality
 - Theology doesn't necessarily come from the pulpit
 - Acknowledging or believing in the meta-physical part of religion is not a requirement to be a part of this church
 - Progressive – but always with a qualifier
 - Progressive – but defined

- ***Questions welcomed/ challenged***
 - Freedom to look at broader spectrum
 - Exploration is fostered
 - There is room for questioning
 - Theology doesn't necessarily come from the pulpit
 - Attracted to being challenged intellectually – minister should foster also
 - Willing to change

- ***Multiple paths to God***
 - Mountain with three paths
 - We don't have to believe the same way as others in our church
 - Sermons that offer multiple ways to look at stuff
 - Strength in our diversity
 - All are welcome

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The following **themes** were discussed in **3/4** of the groups as important:

- ***Open and Affirming***
- ***Multiple interpretations of the Bible***
 - Not literal interpretation
 - What is the Bible actually saying to us in the context of today?
- ***Love***
 - Universality of God's love
 - Loved beyond our wildest imaginations
 - Open and loving
- ***God is still speaking***
 - God speaks through us
 - We are still listening

The following **themes** were discussed in **2/4** of the groups as important:

- ***Church is more than Sunday morning***
 - "Hands on mission" (faith in action)
- ***Focus on Jesus' teachings***
 - Emphasis on the word, "teachings"
- ***Church is more than the ministers***
 - Ministers not telling us the only way
- ***Phoenix Affirmations***
 - Eric's?
 - Value the principles of the Phoenix Affirmations

Other Comments mentioned one time only:

"Male-centric in the Missouri Synod Lutheran [church]"

"We expect challenges, while still supporting each other"

"Practices and way we worship are accessible"

"Gender neutral"

"Celebrating UCC – help people understand"

"A moral and ethical start in teaching for our youth"

"Having a voice – governance is from the bottom up – not top down"

"Music that appeals/relates to all (i.e. classical and jazz)"

"Theologically is not really defined"