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Remember to smile,  
breathe & come  
back to  
the present  
moment



# Moving Forward: An overview of the strategic plan

The Way Forward Task Force  
and the Board of  
Lakehead Unitarian Fellowship

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# The Essence of LUF

Diversity,  
relationships,  
respect, tolerance,  
compassion, reason,  
responsibility,  
interdependence,  
justice, equality,  
democratic process,  
learning & growth

Guiding  
Values

Means

Building, ministry,  
services, money,  
programs, human  
resources, assets,  
leadership

Outcomes

Social justice, right relations, an alternative  
liberal religion, stewardship of nature, youth,  
spiritual, intellectual and social growth,  
strengthened community

# Moving forward

- To achieve our goals
- To live our values

HOW?

Keep the status quo

Move forward on building or ministry

Move forward on building and ministry

# Building AND Ministry

- **The strategic plan calls for:**
  - **LUF to have full time, permanent ministry**
  - **LUF to have a building with the space that can support the accomplishment of our goals while living our values**

# Ministry - process

- Seek interim professional ministry for 2007 and 2008 – look at all possible options
- Conduct a ministerial search in 2008 and 2009
- Have a full-time minister by September 2009

# Building - process

- Strike a building committee to establish clear criteria for space by summer 2007
- Conduct a feasibility study in 2007
- Conduct a capital campaign in 2008-2009
- Buy, renovate, or rent
- Move to new space

# Benefits and considerations/costs

- Live our values
- Achieve our goals
- Enhance our presence
- Potential for growth
- Space for programs
- Permanent leadership
- Accessibility
- Improved capacity to make a difference in community
- Resources – money from where?
- Human energy – only so much
- Impact on current work, programs
- The amount of work
- 2009 ACM
- Day to day operations

# The way forward.....

- Is paved with good intentions
- Praxis – reflection plus action in the world in order to change it
- Bifocal vision - head in the clouds and feet on the ground
- Leadership
- Community commitment



# Moving Forward Teams

- Interim Ministerial Search Committee

- Ed Prinselaar
- Jane Crossman
- Trish McGowan
- Charles Wortman
- Paul Acree

- Building Committee

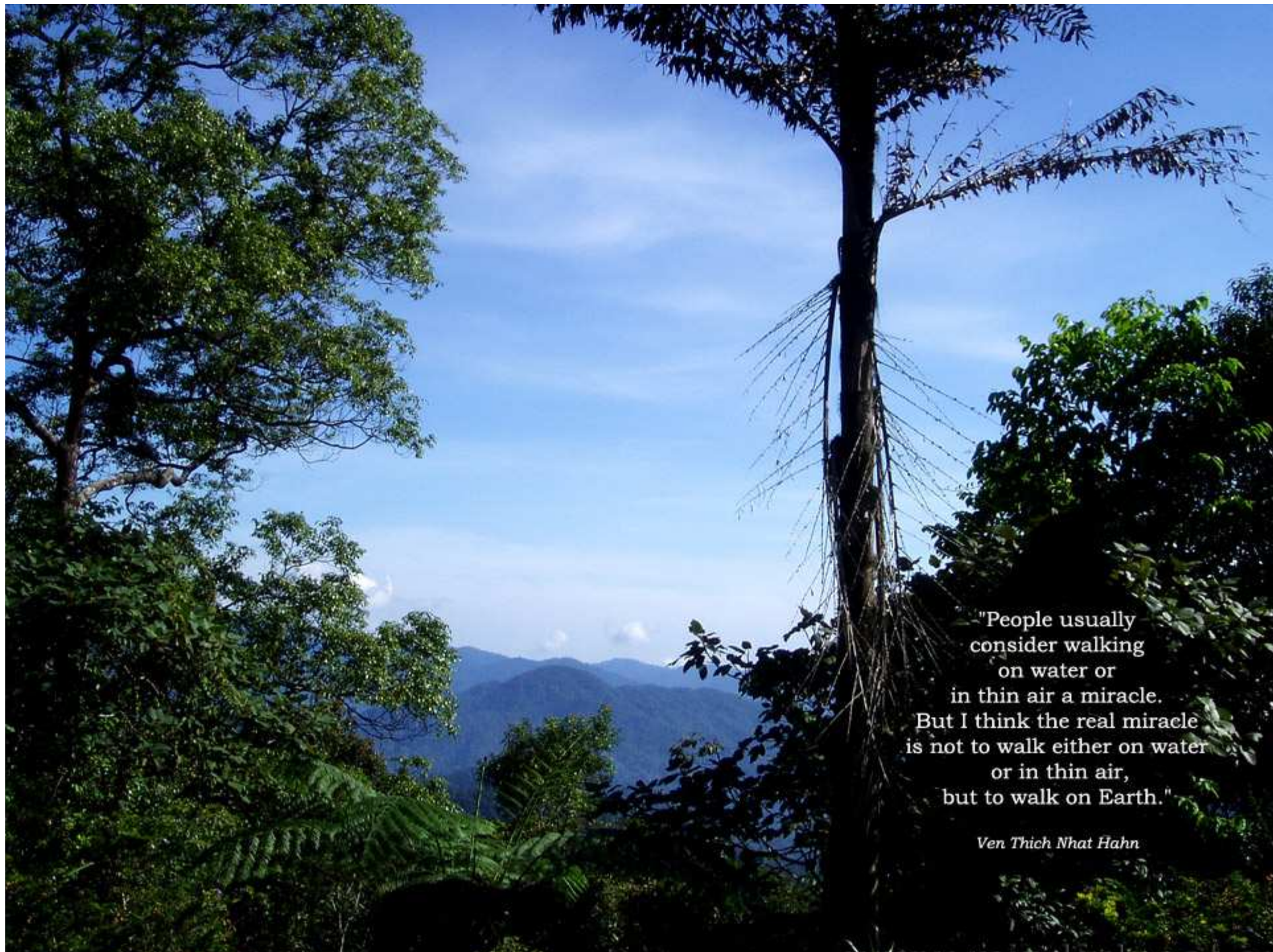
- Brian Ross
- Sophia Gubbins
- Sandra McIver
- Pat Morgan

# From the president

... we are all called to demonstrate the characteristics of greatness. It is up to each of us to keep our eyes on the mission, to believe in our ability to succeed and to be courageous in pursuit of our goals.

Consider how this work can lead us further into relationship with one another and the rewards this will bring. Just imagine!

- Suzanne Hansen



"People usually  
consider walking  
on water or  
in thin air a miracle.  
But I think the real miracle  
is not to walk either on water  
or in thin air,  
but to walk on Earth."

*Ven Thich Nhat Hahn*