

Seek Divine Direction



The picture above shows what is seen by drivers at the intersection of Melpomene Rd and 22nd Street in Tucson, AZ. There are more yellow & black warning signs leading up to these final six, and one rectangular white sign on the left that invites people to turn onto a narrow gravel road to Saguaro Heights congregation. Though more are pointing to the right than left, all signs are correct in that a turn must be made. Going straight is not a healthy option!

Those who attended mission center conference Saturday made choices not to sell Whispering Pines, and to approve a one-year increase to the mission center budget (using Yuma sale proceeds to fund leadership and missional costs). The sustainability of each decision depends on our individual and collective actions, as both involve more than finances to be viable long-term. We still have much to discover and do to discern where God is leading us. How much of our time, talents, treasure, and testimony will we invest in our choices? Will our efforts be enough to alter warning signs in our path?

This coming year we will live into these unknowns as stewards of our choices. If our vote is not combined with a commitment to also turn our wheel, we are likely to face these decisions again. What will our response be then?

This Advent, may we continue to seek divine direction and will—for ourselves, our congregations, mission center, Western Field, and global faith community. The divine star invites us to experience new birth. May we, like the shepherds and wise men, follow that star to journey together in humility, faith, hope, and joy and celebrate the eternal Emmanuel—God with us!

Blessed Christmas to all,
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