

Worship Standing Leadership Group 2023 Report

Submitted by:

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List of the members currently serving on your ministry or leadership team:

Yiwola Awoyale, Michael Caine, Elsa Cook, Richard Kalwaic, Laura Spencer, Joanna Robinson, and Admin at Old First

As you look at the goals you had planned for 2023, what were you able to accomplish? Please be as specific as possible.

- ❖ Our main goal, at least for this past summer, was enabling a smooth transition to our new music director, and clarifying the duties associated with the position.

How has your ministry's or leadership team's work and goals shifted throughout 2023 ?

- ❖ The Pandemic has forced constant changes in our details of Worship. Hybrid Worship creates ever changing circumstances as it develops.

What has changed since returning to in-person/ hybrid ministry? How does your group imagine continuing to bridge the in-person/ hybrid gulf in 2024?

- ❖ This is a major issue in Worship. In-person requirements are significantly different from "zoom" attendance. We shall keep trying to address these differences. I believe that many of these differences vary with the liturgical season.

What do you hope to accomplish in 2024?

- ❖ We should have more members from our church community with diverse views for a more inclusive conversation.

What are the ways that the church can support your team in achieving your goals for the upcoming year?

- ❖ We need meetings with other Standing Leadership Groups to get a broader view of our needs.