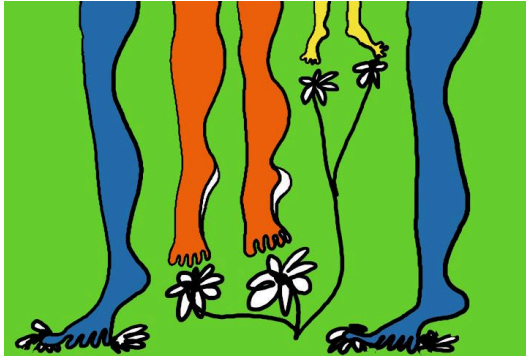


Occupy: Revisiting and Actualizing Our Core Purpose Letter for Participants



Greetings Occupy friend!

We are looking forward to seeing you on **Saturday, May 5th!**

image by Vera "Dyomka" Vakulenko

Place

First Church of the Brethren
3850 Westgate Place, San Diego, CA 92105

[Directions here.](#)

Time

Please plan on arriving **by 9:30am on Saturday** so we can start right on the dot!
The event will run till 6pm.

What to bring

- **A snack to share and lunch to share.** If you are in a position to bring food for several people, that would be appreciated as some may be unable to contribute.
- your own **bowl/dish, cutlery, and cup/mug.**
- **a sheet/blanket, pillow, and sunscreen** (if you should decide to hold a session outside) or take a nap. Any gathering of passionate people can be very stimulating and perhaps one good way of pacing ourselves is by taking a power nap!
- **Announcements/flyers** of interest (there will be an area to post them).
- **A monetary donation** (small or large!) - if you wish- to help cover the costs of organizing the event.

Parameters of the event

While there is a lot of freedom for creativity within the event we'd like to draw your attention to a few parameters or non-negotiables:

1. One of the purposes of this event is to surface new ideas and the direction the group takes is open. All topics are allowed, all ideas are welcome.
2. Actions seeking to use the name of an Occupy site/group must first be brought to that site/group's GA or analogous decisionmaking body.
3. Any intellectual property produced at the event is owned by the group.
4. Anything having financial gain or cost is mutually shared by the group (with the group working out the specifics).
5. The Harvest Document from the day's gathering, and from follow up meeting(s), will be shared publicly within one week after the event. In four to six months a second follow up meeting will take place to assess the meeting's results. All are welcome at one or both events; The [first follow up meeting](#) will take place Monday, May 7th 6-9pm.

Audio/Photography/Video

We request that before taking pictures, recording or taping anyone, that you ask the person's permission first.

Personal preparation for the event

The success of this self-organizing event depends on the leadership each of us exercises. Personal preparation before the gathering is *invited* as a way of helping us all come from a place of clarity, self-connection, inspiration, and focus.

You are invited to reflect on these two questions as preparation:

1. *Occupy: Where are we now?*
2. *What is the one question that, if asked, would help Occupy build on its success?*

This is an Open Space Technology Event; see [this description of the event format](#); here is a [short video](#) to give you an idea of the spirit of this meeting format.

Assisting with the event

If you'd like to help out before, during, or after the event to make it successful for all, let us know. Email us at revisiting.occupysd@gmail.com

If you are **available to give rides to participants** from Children's Park to the church, let us know ASAP.

Also, we welcome you **passing the word about this event** to other Occupiers. Who do you think needs to be at *Occupy: Revisited*? Whose voice needs to be heard?

After the event

Session convenors will see to it that notes are taken at their session so that the Harvest Document can be distributed within one week. The Harvest Book will include a participant names and contact information for those participants willing to be listed. It will also include all announcements posted at the event. The purpose of the book is to deepen the conversations, build on the connections from the gathering, and to facilitate ideas born at the event into action. A version of this book without contact information will be made available to help publicize future events and to make the ideas from the event accessible to the wider Occupy community.

If you have any questions about the event, feel free the working group at revisiting.occupysd@gmail.com or call Raffi Aftandelian at 858 736 4611.

- Occupy: Revisited Planning Team