

2025 Strategic Plan update for leaseholders

MVCMA made progress in 2025 on action items under each of the three goals of the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan. Successes include:

Goal #1: To cultivate a welcoming faith community for all.

- Program, HPAC and Spiritual Life Committees continue to provide family and educational programming for the Community. There is significant programming to bring the community together like Community Sing, Sunset Concerts, focused programs (book club, mahjong, scrabble, yoga), volunteer recognition, and Leaseholder/Neighborhood meetings.
- The Communications Committee continues to engage with and gather feedback from leaseholders. Neighborhood meetings were scheduled early to allow for planning. The data gathered was collated and a summary was provided back to Leaseholders.
- Spiritual Life continues to program events coordinated with other island churches. Combined services with the Methodist Church, Union Chapel and West Tisbury Congregational Church have become institutionalized.

Goal #2: To preserve, nurture and fortify our religious and historical heritage.

- Historical Preservation & Archives continues to sponsor History Week. In addition to the interesting speakers scheduled, there were fun family events. Noteworthy in 2025 was a National Historic Camp Meeting Celebration which featured a combined ground-breaking Campmeeting Network event. It included a collaboration of Camp Meetings from across the country, joined via Zoom. Each community performed and contributed to the joint service. It was a groundbreaking and successful evening.
- In addition to the traditional Sunday services, Spiritual Life hosted a number of new services in 2025. A combined service with Union Chapel and the Methodist Church started the season. A focused week of new services "Liberty and Justice for All" was a highlight of the summer. These lively services brought in worshipers from all over the island and created a full tabernacle congregation. A joint service with West Tisbury Congregational and Union Chapel hosted a Celebration with Senator Warnock.

Goal #3: To be exceptional stewards of MVCMA assets & our National Landmark Status.

- The roof on the Tabernacle was replaced.
- A new Land Management Task Force was formed and began their work. They facilitated a successful Civil Engineering Survey. This plan will take into consideration the impact of climate change. Fundraising has begun to support the effort.
- New sound systems were installed. The new sound system equipment has made a positive impact on the clarity of sound in the Tabernacle.