

CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN OHIO

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

VALUES AND SEEDS OF VISION

A covenant network of congregations in mission:

We are the body of Christ gifted and called in covenant together as Disciples of Christ to be centers of transformation on the new mission frontier of our communities.

**Strengthening Relationships and Building Networks
Leadership Development
Congregational Transformation and Evangelism**

In covenant together, we are gifted and called to become a true community, by

- ***Building trust through open clear communication.***
- ***Listening to one another's hopes and dreams.***
- ***Caring for one another in times of joy and pain.***
- ***Sharing our transformation experiences of Jesus Christ with our communities around us.***
- ***Maintaining the highest level of ethical integrity.***
- ***Helping to network our congregations' effective ministries with one another.***
- ***Offering up assistance in discerning the gifts, calling, and unique missional opportunities of each other, and facilitate leader development and educational opportunities.***
- ***Finding ways to empower gifts of individuals, established clergy and laity as mission team leaders, and equipping them with the resources to do ministry.***
- ***Taking advantage of the best communication tools available as they develop.***

Because we are centers for transformation, striving to embody deep Christian Spirituality and seeking communication we will;

- ***Center our life together around the Lord's Table, affirming its power to bring God's children together in unity and diversity.***
- ***Focus on vital, engaged worship in its variety of forms and in all of our gatherings.***
- ***Develop growing faith through training, mentoring and service in congregations.***
- ***Engage stewardship in priorities and planning***
- ***Create mission experiences as opportunities for spiritual growth***
- ***Strive for openness to the work of the Holy Spirit encouraging innovation and pioneering.***

On a new mission frontier, led by a passion for justice, we will.

- ***Be an anti-racist, pro-reconciling church; continue to grow in faithfulness to the Gospel.***
- ***Value local mission as inseparable from evangelism.***
- ***Re-establish evangelism as a primary calling, in affirmation that our faith is desperately needed by the people of our communities.***
- ***Hold each other accountable to Christ's Great Commission to bear the Gospel in our world with integrity and authenticity***
- ***Commit to the inclusion of all people, without exception, in the life, functioning, and governance of the Church.***