

Our Vision for the Church's Mission

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huge spiritual hunger	-one on one -national ads -book clubs -music	-local -national, like emerging spirit ads	
shouldn't take it for granted that everyone feels included	-intentional showing the national face of the church -worship user friendly, (eg. don't assume that everyone reads well, or in English) -changing styles of music -empower our own talented musicians	-local -presbytery	
hope brings change	-pastoral presence -training in human relations	-select committee -local congregation -conference	
worshipping community	-outreach worker training	-local -local -conference	
diversity	-outreach worker -visionaries	-get out of church; i.e. ACTC -regional level	
advocacy – proactive	-communication open -listening	-congregation -presbytery -conference -general council	more leadership from bottom up
cooperation, celebration of diversity	-respect for all people, all views, differences -dialogue, openness	all	
understanding	-education programs, a passion for learning	all	we need to stich together the different fabrics
tolerance	-develop relationships, it would be merciful that we can build on relationships	-you and your congregation\ -presbytery	we would prefer acceptance that starts the journey and tolerance ends the journey
how churches breakdown social barriers	-communicate efectively	all	any barrier begins with a person

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no physical oppression we need respect for individuals and all peoples	-starts in home, on congregational level take care re language, tone of voice -use care and compassion	congregation, then if needed go futher	
no more wars, peace	-begins where we are, take it further	all	
more dialogue/discussion	-begins where we are	all	
less economic disparity / better balance between rich and poor	-begins where we are	all	
missing 2 generations where are the young people	local, go to where the people are	-local -presbytery	meetings at food court
dialogue to bridge struggle in hope	leadership local church	local church	
oppressed and suffering	leadership	all	
We would need to live the gospel	-individually taking care of the poor by immediate direct help and structural change -as congregation taking care of the poor	-direct help to poor financed by congregation -direct help to poor in spirit by congregation -general council to lobby to change system that allows -also individuals and presbytery	-problem is if local area is poverty-stricken need wider courts to help -congregations should get more involved in politics: elder poverty, housing problem
counter consumerism	-individuals stop accumulating -parents and church can teach different thinking		
the teachings of Jesus are lessons to apply to our personal way of life	-all baptized people are called to lead by example -Christian education for all -trained leadership	congregation	individuals need to practice beliefs
we are challenged to think outside the church as a building, to carry the light of Christ to the world	-ecumenism -outreach -visibility in the communities -offer church for other activities	-congregation -presbytery -other religious communities	