

Core Values: Purpose & Strategy

Servants of Christ Anglican Church

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Why do we exist? (Core Purpose)

Making Disciples, learning to do all that Jesus said

"Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matthew 28:16-20

Explanation: We exist to make disciples for Jesus Christ. Discipleship has a beginning, even if we can't pinpoint the exact day (conversion) but is also a life-long process (sanctification). Some of His disciples even doubted Jesus's Resurrection at first! Jesus calls us to himself and challenges us to obey what he said. As we live out this process together, we will be a diverse community where everyone is challenged with some aspect of Jesus' teaching. In other words, none of us will be completely comfortable. Jesus' words are powerful because of the action of His life, death, and resurrection!

How do we behave? (Behavioral values)

1. **Scripture is the foundation of everything we have to say to each other and the World.**

Matthew 4:4/ Deut.8:3 - "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. '"

2. **Our common life and worship are shaped and nurtured by the riches of our Anglican Heritage.**

Acts 2:42 - And they devoted themselves to the apostles ' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Matt.13:52 - And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old." (see also I Cor. 5:7-8 and I Cor. 14:40)

3. **Scripture is the foundation of everything we have to say to each other and the World.**

Luke 10:30-37 (Story of the Good Samaritan) - "Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

4. **Scripture is the foundation of everything we have to say to each other and the World.**

Acts 2:44-45 - "And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need."

What do we do?

We call people to life in Jesus Christ and then lovingly walk with them in life-long transformation through prayer and fellowship.

1 Thessalonians 1:4-5 - For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

Romans 12:1-2 - "I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

How do we succeed? (High Level Strategy)

1. We teach people to Worship God rooted in ancient ways.

Matthew 22:37-38/Mark 12:30/Luke 10:27 - And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.

John 4:23-24 - But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

2. Scripture is the foundation of everything we have to say to each other and the World.

John 13:34-35 - A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

Hebrews 10:24-25 - And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Acts 2:46 - And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts.

3. We are formed in "heart, head, and hand" through Holy Scripture and guidance of the Holy Spirit

Matthew 6:21 - For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Colossians 2:6-7 - Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

Ephesians 4:1-2 - As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

1 John 3:18 - Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

4. We provide opportunities to Serve Jesus' Mission to the World.

Matthew 22:39/Mark 12:31/Luke 10:27 - You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

John 20:21 - Jesus said to them again, Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.

1 Corinthians 9:22-23 - To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings (also see 1 Thes. 1:5)