

# Vision Frame as of June 2022

**Mission:** To plant and grow expressions of the body of Christ that produce flourishing disciples of Jesus.

## **Values:**

**Growing in the Reformed Tradition:** We are deeply rooted in the theological and ecclesiastical traditions of the historic Reformed faith and growing in our appreciation of the sovereignty of God, the Lordship of Jesus Christ, the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in our lives and the authority of the scripture.

**Dynamic Creative Ministry:** We are local expressions of the Body of Christ that reflect the diversity of nations, tribes, and languages; are missional and focused on the kingdom of God. Working from a unified confession of Reformed convictions, our ministries respond to their unique contexts in new ways with the gospel, being prepared to cooperate with other ministries and churches in building God's kingdom.

**Joy-filled Community:** We are marked by celebration and joy in our structures and life together. We extend love and grace to all, seeking to reflect the joy-filled character of Jesus.

**Transforming Discipleship:** We emphasize growth into the likeness of Christ and the fruit of the Spirit in the lives of all who are a part of our body. We believe a core part of building flourishing gatherings of the Body of Christ is growing mature disciples of Jesus.

**Dynamic Responsive Leadership:** We are committed to developing and empowering leaders equipped to spur others on in their walk with Jesus ensuring that these leaders are serving in lean and efficient structures that serve and build up the local congregation. Growing disciples and flourishing churches need faith-filled, vibrant leadership, and we work together to be sure we are enabling all our members to shine with Christ's light and hold forth His word of grace and new life.

## **Measures:**

### **Know Who We Are**

We will be able to passionately articulate our mission, values and vision.

We will clearly and winsomely describe the central tenets of the Reformed faith.

We will place scripture at the centre of our life together, in faithful obedience submitting to its authority, interpreting it in continuity with historic Reformed confessions.

We will continually discover ways of creatively communicating our mission and vision to the local community.

We will intentionally form our life together to bring to reality our mission and vision.

We will champion diversity in a way which allows all people to find a home.

### **Engage Missional Activity**

We will establish prayer as foundational to all our ministry endeavours.

We will build up our people to send them out as Christ-like servants into the community and world as agents of change.

We will serve according to our God given spiritual gifts, talents and callings.

We will embrace risk taking without fear and as a natural and necessary part of developing effective ministry.

We will regularly assess the effectiveness of our ministries in the local church, engaging only in ministry which is fruitful for building Christ's Kingdom.

### **Celebrate Life Together**

We will create corporate gatherings of celebration and joy as we share in community and grow in love for God and one another.

We will treat one another and all we encounter in the spirit of our gracious and loving God.

We will demonstrate that the gospel of Christ is incredibly good news.

We will live in hope in the knowledge that God's saving action is at work among us.

### **Facilitate Life Change**

We will create numerous opportunities for people to be transformed through a deeper knowledge of Scripture and life changing experiences of the Holy Spirit.

We will form mentoring relationships so that people might grow into spiritual maturity.

We will be a community in which people experience healing and wholeness in Jesus.

We will be made new by the work of God's Spirit enabling us to serve so that others might find new life in Jesus.

### **Empower Leadership**

We will cultivate a culture of shared leadership where all people are enabled to influence others for Christ.

We will identify and train leaders within our local congregations.

We will actively empower and support leaders as they serve.

We will delegate leadership responsibilities and authority to trained lay leaders.

We will align leaders to all areas of ministry to accomplish the mission, vision and strategy of each congregation.

We will give priority to developing and empowering young leaders.

## **Strategies:**

*Creating opportunities on every level of Living Stones to keep the following priorities foremost in local expressions of the church:*

**Discipleship**

**Leadership training**

**Prayer**