

SUMMIT ON 16TH - A Statement of Call

Because we are called to...

SHARE GOD'S LOVE WITH ALL PEOPLE

- We will be a community of radical inclusion
- We will create sacred spaces, both inside and outside the walls of our church, that make people feel welcome
- We will seek to create a community where all are accepted as they are
- We will seek to honor each other's individuality, while also seeking to remain connected in community
- We will be unafraid to step outside traditional models of worship, through creative use of music, art, and spoken word
- We will recognize the diversity of opinions and gifts gathered together and seek to live together in such a way that builds one another up
- We will respond to hateful language or hurtful behavior appropriately, but with Christian love.

ACCEPT CHRIST'S INVITATION TO GROW AND BE CHANGED

- We will seek to discern God's wisdom through prayer
- We will make spaces for small group and one-on-one conversations to grapple with the questions of personal faith, the life and work of Jesus Christ and what that means for our lives
- We will develop authentic, meaningful relationships with each other, where we are free to have honest, open, and sometimes difficult conversations
- We will identify our own gifts, help others discover their gifts and prepare and equip people for leadership
- We will intentionally create meaningful opportunities for children, youth, and college students to experience God's love for them, explore issues of faith, think critically, and develop as leaders in Christ's church.

FOLLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT'S PATH OF PEACE, JUSTICE, AND HOPE

- We will work together to find healthy ways of living, taking better care of ourselves, and our environment
- We will attempt to bridge communication gaps between ourselves, members of other faiths and secular communities, always seeking for ways of partnering and working together to better respond to the needs in our community
- We will spend and invest our financial resources in alignment with our vision for how the world could be, while being open and honest about the limits of our reach and the need to practice sustainability
- We will take a bold stand against the systems and policies we encounter that promote and perpetuate injustice poverty and oppression and mobilize our congregation to advocate against them
- We will choose to hope and trust in God's promise of abundant faithfulness, no matter the challenge, setback or obstacle

**Come as you are, grow while you're here, leave your mark,
and go into the world a new person...**