

COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PREAMBLE

In gratitude and prayerful dependence upon God, we seek to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ as leaders and members of Community Presbyterian Church. We desire to know and do God's will in our life together, both now and in the future. We believe that God has raised up this Church for an important purpose in the world. We want to be prayerful, intentional and thoughtful as we fulfill our calling as a congregation over the next ten years and beyond. We have worshipped together, talked, listened, planned and prayed about our future at CPC, and we continue to ask God for wisdom, discernment and guidance as we move with hope into the future. In looking forward, we remain committed to and directed by our 4-Fold Purpose:

I. OUR CPC PURPOSE*

We believe in the living Christ who sends us into the world empowered by His Holy Spirit to live as His disciples, to express God's saving love and to extend His kingdom by being a:

Worshipping Congregation - As a worshipping congregation we present ourselves to God in spirit and truth, as He transforms Our lives.

Healing Community - As a healing community of forgiven sinners, we love one another toward spiritual, personal and relational wholeness.

Equipping Center - As an equipping center, we shall mature in Christ-like character, develop a Biblically shaped world view and strengthen our gifts and ability to fulfill God's call in our lives.

Mission Fellowship - As a mission fellowship, we are God's witnesses in our community, nation and world, making disciples of Jesus and extending the kingdom of God. Mission is Ministry beyond our membership

*(Purpose – the reason CPC exists, the essence of what we are here for, an ideal kept before the mind as an aim,)

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II. CPC DIRECTION*

As long as there are lost and hurting people who need to know the love of God in Christ, we want to reach out to them in love. This challenges us to grow in many ways both within and beyond the present congregation. These areas of growth are inter-connected; they do not exist in isolation from each other. This growth flows from a spirit of mutuality and interdependence where all parts of the church work together in harmony. We commit ourselves to grow in these directions:

- 1. Grow the Kingdom of God (Ministry beyond our membership)** - Make a bigger difference in the world through CPC's investment and impact in both short and long term volunteers and financial support in local and international mission.
- 2. Grow as Christ's disciples (Transformed lives growing towards maturity)** - As growing disciples of Christ we increasingly participate in intentional learning experiences and in weekly corporate worship, are actively involved in Christian service inside and outside of CPC, participate in financial giving to CPC and are practicing regular personal spiritual growth disciplines.
- 3. Grow the number of disciples at CPC** – Grow disciples at CPC by increasing on campus worship attendance, off site extension ministries, the number of youth and children disciples at CPC.
- 4. Grow the unity and love in Christian Community at CPC** – Grow in love through spiritually transforming small groups, members welcoming other members into their homes, regular all church social events, being a regional resource for beginning and sustaining strong marriages and healthy families, and supporting people at major points of life transition and trauma.
- 5. Grow CPC Facilities to Support CPC Goals** - Provide adequate parking, ministry and worship space to support CPC goals set forth above.

*(Direction – the line or course on which CPC is moving or is aimed to move.)