

The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh

Mission, Vision & Value Statements
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Our Mission is to be:

*Vibrant Episcopal
Communities
United in
Christ*

Our Vision of who we see ourselves to be:

We are a fellowship of communities alive in the love of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, seeking and serving Jesus Christ in all persons and in all of God's creation.

Our actions and beliefs are guided by Scripture, Tradition, and Reason.

United by our common prayer and the Anglican tradition of the Episcopal Church, we do all in our power to support our member parishes and faith communities. We minister to one another, bearing with each other, forgiving as the Lord forgives, and loving as Christ loves us.

Together, we lead others to know and love God as we strive for justice and peace among all people, respect the dignity of every human being, and proclaim by word and example that Jesus Christ is Lord.

What We Value:

Faith

We Value the Faith We Share...

1. We delight in our call to serve, having been created by God, redeemed by Christ, and brought together in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.
2. We acknowledge Scripture as the Word of God and are guided by it, as well as by Tradition and Reason.
3. The Creeds of the Church are statements of our Faith.

Heritage

We Value our Heritage and its Expressions...

4. We are a part of the Episcopal Church, participate fully in its life and mission, and welcome all into the congregations of the diocese.
5. We affirm our bonds of affection with Anglicans around the world.
6. We celebrate an Anglican style of worship rooted in the Book of Common Prayer, deliberate and joyous, echoing the ancient rhythms of the church, and offering a continuing source of strength for our union with Christ and one another.

Relationships

We Value Our Relationships with Each Other...

7. Community among us is vital. We are committed to each other.
8. We support each other, lay and ordained, in our faith, our lives, and our work. We pray for one another, are present to each other, reach out in love and concern, and share our gifts, talents and resources.
9. We respect our differences. We challenge each other and hold each other accountable. Through patient listening, learning, and leading each other to God's Kingdom, we bear witness to Jesus' command that we love one another. Even when we disagree, we take joy in our vibrant fellowship.

Mission

We Value our Call to Mission...

10. We nurture and support each other in our life in Christ, recognizing that we all are at different places on our spiritual journey, yet equally welcomed into the community of our diocese.
11. We are compassionate to others. Together, in Christ's name, we tend to the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression, the sick, the friendless, and the needy, and those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.
12. We respect and engage other faith traditions, strive for justice and peace among all people, and seek the just and proper use of all of God's creation.