

# HIGH STREET METHODIST CHURCH VISION, STRATEGY & MISSION

As part of the Methodist “discipleship movement shaped for mission”

**OUR VISION** is:

**Lives, relationships and communities in this world<sup>1</sup>  
transformed by the love of God in Jesus Christ**

**OUR STRATEGY** for sharing in this work of God is to:

**Encounter God;  
Equip God’s people;  
Extend God’s Kingdom.**

To this end,  
alongside our fellow Christians  
Christ calls us to know Him and to make Him known.

Therefore,  
when gathered together corporately  
or dispersed as individuals,  
we at all times and in all places<sup>1</sup>  
by the grace of God<sup>2</sup>  
seek to be the salt and light of the world<sup>3</sup>:  
Filled with the Spirit of God;  
Following the Son of God;  
All for the glory of God.<sup>4</sup>

**Corporately**  
we believe God has called us  
to be a welcoming, outward-reaching and diverse all-age community  
living and growing<sup>5</sup> for the glory of God  
by making, nurturing, equipping and sending  
disciples of Jesus Christ<sup>6</sup>  
who are continually being  
filled<sup>7</sup>, transformed<sup>8</sup>, led<sup>9</sup> and empowered<sup>10</sup> by God’s Spirit  
to actively share in God’s mission of love to the world  
as ambassadors of Christ.<sup>11</sup>

**Individually**  
we believe God calls us each to seek God’s grace<sup>12</sup>;  
to grow in our love for God and for our neighbour<sup>13</sup>;  
to grow in the likeness of Christ our Saviour<sup>14</sup>;  
to be diligent in helping those who are in any need<sup>15</sup>;  
to be disciplined in personal prayer<sup>16</sup>, Bible study<sup>17</sup> and worship<sup>18</sup>; and  
through the joyful offering of ourselves, our time and our money<sup>19</sup>  
to play our full part as members of Christ’s body: The Church<sup>20</sup>.

## KEY BIBLICAL REFERENCES TO THE HIGH STREET METHODIST CHURCH DRAFT VISION AND STRATEGY

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<sup>1</sup> Matthew 28.18: "...therefore go..."; Mark 3.13-15: "And he appointed twelve, whom he also named apostles, to be with him, and to be sent out to proclaim the message..."; See also Luke 9.1-6 (Jesus sending out the twelve), Luke 10.1-12 (Jesus sending out the seventy).

<sup>2</sup> John 15.4 : "Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me."

<sup>3</sup> Matthew 5.13-14: "You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world."

<sup>4</sup> Matthew 5.16: "...let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

<sup>5</sup> Acts 2.47: "And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved."

<sup>6</sup> Matthew 28.18-20: "... make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember I am with you always, to the end of the age."

<sup>7</sup> Ephesians 5.18: "...go on being continually filled with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>8</sup> Romans 12.2: "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds."; Galatians 5.22: "...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

<sup>9</sup> Romans 8.14: "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God."

<sup>10</sup> Acts 1.8: "...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." See also Romans 8.11.

<sup>11</sup> 2 Corinthians 5.20: "So we are ambassadors of Christ, since God is making his appeal through us: we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."

<sup>12</sup> Philippians 2.13: "...for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure."

<sup>13</sup> Matthew 22.34-40 (Love of God and neighbour are the greatest commandments).

<sup>14</sup> Philippians 2.5-11: "Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus..."

<sup>15</sup> Matthew 25.31-46: "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

<sup>16</sup> 1 Thessalonians 5.17: "...pray without ceasing..."

<sup>17</sup> 2 Timothy 3.16-17: "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work."

<sup>18</sup> Hebrews 10.25: "Do not neglect to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encourage one another..."

<sup>19</sup> 2 Corinthians 9.7: "Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

<sup>20</sup> 1 Corinthians 12.12-31: "Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it."; see also Romans 12.3-8 and Ephesians 4.1-13.