

Aspiring beyond good intentions: multicultural church, intercultural habit

This movement and process we wish to name as an intercultural habit for a multicultural church. An intercultural way of being and living is premised on the abundant generosity of God made real through Jesus Christ. Within the framework of *vision2020*, we commend the multicultural church, intercultural charter.

In modelling a habit of generous lives we

1. will be open, trusting and joyful to the leading of God's Spirit
 - [Vision Statement 1 *Spirituality and Prayer*] [Acts 2:5-11; 2 Corinthians 3:17-18]
2. commit ourselves to deepening our discerning and re-reading of our biblical and theological bases for our intercultural life together
 - [Vision Statement 1 *Spirituality and Prayer*; Statement 2 *Identity*; Statement 6 *Evangelism*] [Isaiah 56:6-8; Isaiah 65:17-25; Revelation 21:1-7; Ruth; Matthew 1:1-17; Acts 10]
3. will affirm new and different experiences, recognizing a variety of expressions of the one faith
 - [Vision Statement 5 *Hospitality and Diversity*; Statement 3 *Christian Ecumenical Partnerships*] [Genesis 1:26; Psalm 133:1; Matthew 28:19; John 17:11,23; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Galatians 3:27-29]
4. will journey beyond our cultural comfort zones and boundaries
 - [Statement 8 *Global Partnerships* and Statement 4 *Community Partnerships*] [Jonah; Matthew 15:21-28; 28:19-20; Mark 7:24-30; Genesis 28:10-19; Acts 8:26-40]
5. will seek to become an enlarged, inclusive, welcoming, and justice-seeking community
 - [Vision Statement 2 *Identity*; Statement 9 *Justice and Peace* and Statement 10 *Integrity of Creation*] [Psalm 148; Galatians 3:28; Ephesians 4:3-5; Revelation 7:9; Micah 6:8]
6. will engage in transformation of heart, mind, structure and policy, seeking habits that redress power imbalances, challenge systemic injustice, generously cultivate diverse leadership, and seek full participation of all
 - [Vision Statement 7 *Church Growth* and Statement 9 *Justice and Peace*] [Luke 19:1-10; John 10:10; Acts 10:34; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 8:27-33; Luke 1:46-55; Luke 4:16-30; Romans 16:1-16]
7. will work intentionally towards mutuality in giving and sharing for all of us are in need and all must be mutually inconvenienced for the sake of the other and the gospel.
 - [Vision Statement 1 *Spirituality and Prayer*, Statement 5 *Hospitality and Diversity* and Statement 9 *Justice and Peace*] [Luke 7:18-23; Luke 10:25-37; John 4:1-39]
8. commit ourselves to the constant habit of self-examination, life-long learning, and reflection through on-going education, training, monitoring and evaluation of our intercultural engagement.
 - [Vision Statement 1 *Spirituality and Prayer*; Statement 2 *Identity*; Statement 7 *Church Growth* and Statement 9 *Justice and Peace*] [1 Corinthians 9:1-33; 2 Corinthians 5:16-20; Philippians 3:12-16]