

CORE STATEMENTS & PRINCIPLES

Our Vision

We see a unified Church working with like-hearted organizations to love our neighbors well.

Mission Statement

Seeking to put God's love into action, TURN connects churches in loving our city.

Guiding Principles

1. Demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ.

In everything we do, we proclaim God's love by being the hands and feet of Jesus, knowing that everyone we serve is loved dearly by Him. We are transformed as we serve alongside others in Jesus' name.

2. Embody true religion with compassionate acts.

In response to the Apostle James' instruction, we practice an active faith by serving those in need. James 1:27 says, "Religion as it is expressed in outward acts that is pure and unblemished in the sight of God the Father is this: to visit and help and care for the orphans and widows in their affliction and need" (AMP).

3. Collaborate wherever possible.

As we partner with various agencies, we see that the resources to address our community's issues are already here. Our job is to graciously collaborate and serve alongside other churches in serving our city. Before Jesus left the earth, he prayed that His followers would be one as He and His Father are one. As Christians work effectively together serving our neighbors in acts of compassionate transformation, we show we are "one Church of the City."

4. Engage our neighborhoods.

We encourage congregations in efforts that contribute to the development, security and vitality of the neighborhoods and individual neighbors who live around our places of gathering and worship. We show love as we connect with other congregations in our neighborhoods to pray for and discuss local needs and solutions.

5. Promote dignity and hope.

As the Church of the City serves our neighbors, we do so with respect for the image of God that every human bears. People are not projects, nor are they defined by their deficits. We work to interrupt cycles of poverty by developing infrastructure, partnerships, social will and training.

