



Five Marks of Mission

God's greater goal for us is the building up of God's Kingdom here in our own time and place. The Five Marks of Mission explain how we translate faith into action in tangible and measurable ways.



MARK ONE

TO PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS OF THE KINGDOM

We proclaim the good news by:

- Living out our baptismal covenant—with authenticity, vulnerability and openness.
- Speaking the Good News—that God cares and loves us completely, with no exceptions.
- Reminding each other that the God of love meets us where we are with forgiveness, compassion and companionship.
- Knowing and sharing that all are uniquely gifted and have a place in God's kingdom.
- Being transparent with our doubts, pain, struggles and grief.
- Inviting others to join us—there is always room at the table.



MARK TWO

TO TEACH, BAPTIZE AND NURTURE NEW BELIEVERS

- We believe and practice radical hospitality—wherever you are on your faith journey, we welcome you.
- We engage seekers, encourage doubters and welcome all.
- We provide a gentle space for new believers to learn together, participate in the sacraments including baptism and Eucharist, and be nurtured.
- We recognize that we are a part of the body of Christ and encourage development of our spiritual gifts. We all contribute to the health and growth of the Body, uniquely and equally.
- We provide opportunities for discipleship—You are not alone and we desire to come alongside you in your journey.
- We offer opportunities for faith formation in a variety of ways—including classes, small groups and dinner table conversations.



MARK THREE

TO RESPOND TO HUMAN NEED BY LOVING SERVICE

- We seek to have the heart and mind of Christ—that although he was God, he emptied himself to be a sacrifice and to serve those in need with humility.
- We live in a spirit of thanksgiving for what God has done, overflowing with love for others in need.
- We do not consider ourselves above those we serve, remembering that by serving others, we serve Christ.
- We bond with each other as we serve others in tangible ways—including feeding and fellowship, and being present with those in need, sick or grieving. And we provide a listening ear for those without a voice.



MARK FOUR

TO SEEK TO TRANSFORM UNJUST STRUCTURES OF SOCIETY, TO CHALLENGE VIOLENCE OF EVERY KIND AND TO PURSUE PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

- We believe that the Spirit of God empowers us to discern and to speak the truth.
- We stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us, as they stood against injustice, intolerance and hatred.
- We join those who cry for peace and decry violence, seeking to carry out the reconciling mission of God.
- We courageously reckon with our past and commit to the deep work of restoration in the present.
- We are empowered by Christ to mend the broken, bind the wounds, and be a light in a dark world, showing the way to reconciliation and peace with God and each other.



MARK FIVE

TO STRIVE TO SAFEGUARD THE INTEGRITY OF CREATION AND SUSTAIN AND RENEW THE LIFE OF THE EARTH

- We recognize that it is in God's nature to create, to bring new life and rebirth, and that God is revealed in every part of creation—from the awe of majestic forests and mountain tops, to the calm of ever-flowing oceans and rivers, to the promise of renewal seen in sunrises and rainbows, springtime and harvest.
- We acknowledge that God placed us as stewards of His creation. We must tread lightly, consume sparingly and understand that we are all equals before God—from those blessed with wealth, to those who must walk miles for clean water.
- We recognize our complicity in the vast injustices done to the Dakota people, whose ancestral land we occupy. Our commitment to live our repentance includes being good stewards of this land, wasting nothing, and leaving our earthly home well-tended for our children and our children's children.
- We recognize that we do not own the Land, but it is God's to be shared with the rest of His creation. We seek to live this truth every day and by example, to show the way to others.