



**STRUCTURE OF THE OREGON-IDAHO ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

*BOLDLY MAKING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST*

*BY EQUIPPING LOCAL MINISTRY SETTINGS FOR MINISTRY AND PROVIDING A CONNECTION FOR MINISTRY BEYOND THE LOCAL LEVEL.*

## **A Strategic Direction for the Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference**

### **Statement of Mission and Vision**

#### ***Boldly Making Disciples of Jesus Christ Vitalizing the Church, Transforming the World***

#### **Missional Priorities**

##### **- Practicing Personal and Social Holiness**

*"Jesus answered, 'The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:29-31)*

The promise and power of the gospel spring from the personal encounter with God through Jesus Christ. The church is vitalized and the world transformed when our discipleship is empowered by the faithful practice of personal and social holiness.

- By affirming this priority, the annual conference commits to leading persons to commend their lives to God, nurturing persons to give God their best in Christian living, and reaching out to the world in love as disciples that live compassionately and justly.

##### **- Making New Disciples**

*"Go therefore and 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." (Matthew 28:19-20)*

The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ. The church is vitalized and the world is transformed through a core commitment to boldly make disciples of Jesus Christ. Disciple-making is not reserved for those within the fellowship of the congregation, but is extended graciously to those beyond the congregation through respectful invitation, compassionate caring, and words and deeds that heal and free.

- By affirming this priority, the annual conference commits to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in word and action and to seek, welcome and gather persons into the body of Christ.

##### **- Encouraging Excellence in Lay & Clergy Leadership**

*"You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16)*

Persons, lay and ordained, are called and gifted by God to provide leadership in the church and in the world beyond the church. The church is vitalized and the world transformed when lay and clergy leaders strive for excellence by recognizing, affirming and developing their spiritual gifts for leadership.

- By affirming this priority, the annual conference commits to developing lay and clergy leaders that give God their best so that through their leadership, the church may give God its best.

##### **- Aligning with Our Strategic Direction**

*"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on rock." (Matthew 7:24, 25)*

Profound need and abundant grace call the church into action. A vital church is clear about its purpose and is an effective agent of transformation in the world when it "keeps the main thing the main thing."

- By affirming this priority, the annual conference commits to devoting its energies and resources to its mission and vision, aligning ministries with the missional priorities and freeing itself from those things that distract and detract.

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