

Expanded Mission Statement

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The highest good is to know and love God Father, Son and Holy Spirit and to be transformed by Him. To invite people well, to present the eternal message of the Good News of Jesus Christ, we ourselves must be humble; continually surrendering ourselves to God. In order to invite people to God's presence, we will learn to intentionally live, and speak about, our lives in Christ such that each church member and the church as a whole, will introduce un-churched or under-churched people to Jesus. We pray that the Holy Spirit will draw them to accept Him as their Lord (the absolute leader of their lives) and Savior (the one whose sacrifice on the cross brought them out of death and into life with God). We will do this clearly, relevantly and without timidity, yet with much sensitivity, respect and humility.

God draws us to celebrate His presence in Scripture and Sacrament

Worshipping God is our highest end and at the center of what we do and who we are. We will humbly encounter the awesome God, adore Him, and revel in His presence in Word, Sacrament and Prayers. *Most typically* we come into His presence to put ourselves before His majesty through our Sunday worship. As Anglicans we appreciate and take advantage of our amazingly rich Anglican heritage of Word, Sacrament and Prayers. We are dedicated to making this powerful way of worship accessible to our community trusting the Father to reveal Himself to them and us, and draw us all to Him. We desire people to know their Creator and Redeemer in a deeply personal way.

God unites us to build His loving community

Empowered by the Holy Spirit we will pro-actively love and serve those in our church family through our personal relationships and by using our efforts and gifts to build up the church body. The intent is that God will use our love, service, and relationships to bond His children into His community, both the larger worshipping community and a smaller family-like group. This community will be a safe place to be encouraged, supported, comforted, even challenged, but always a place to bear one another's burdens and delight in each other's blessings.

Related to the care of the community is the fact that ministry cannot be done well without good administration and financial health. Our life together should be well-organized and financially healthy.

God empowers us to grow into the likeness of Christ

As a worshipping community, as small groups, and as individuals we will intentionally seek to grow more and more deeply, by the power of the Holy Spirit, into the likeness of Christ. We know this likeness by living in obedience to God Father, Son and Holy Spirit as He has revealed Himself in the Bible and, in subjection to the Scriptures, as the Holy Spirit moves in the Church universal. We know Him by dedication to an intentional prayer life and habits that make us people more open to God who will reveal Himself to us. And we know Him as we commit to worship with the larger church and be in small groups of fellowship and accountability. We subscribe to the Apostles and Nicene Creeds as true statements of our faith and to the 39 Articles as a further and secondary basis for, and understanding of, our belief.

God sends us out to serve His world

We often perceive God to be part of our human and individual plans. But, the larger and truer reality is that we are part of God's plan to redeem His world. He has made us with abilities and talents. He has also given to Christians spiritual gifts to be used to build up the Body and minister to the World. He calls each one of us into our vocations as His ambassadors and workers. We will seek to discover our talents, abilities and spiritual gifts depending on God to release those gifts and abilities for His use – that is, our call - in our local church body, our local community, and the world. We will seek and serve, with abundance and hope, those to whom God calls us and particularly those who are helpless, hopeless and hurting.

As an affiliated church of the Anglican Mission in America (<http://www.anglicanmissioninamerica.org/>) we subscribe to the AMiA's Solemn Declaration of Principles.