



July 10, 2024

Dear Strategic Planning Team & Church Council,

Please mark your calendars for Monday July 29, 2024 at 10:00am. We will gather our group in the fellowship hall to finalize the mission & vision work begun on June 15, 2024 with Rev. Dr. Roger Clayton.

I have included for your review the notes from our work last time. You will recall that we began by brainstorming the needs of our community. Further, Roger shared the vision statements of two Global Methodist churches in our Annual Conference by way of example. These are also included below. Last is the record of the group work that we began as we work to form what may serve as the vision and mission statement for Harker Heights Methodist Church.

Blessings,

Brian

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Notes from June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting

**What are the needs?**

- Place for believers to meet
- Invitation/evangelism – inside need
- Lack of inter-personal relationships within community, human to human interaction
- Guidance/moral direction
- Marriage vows and longevity
- Another way to live:
  - Look out for #1 = world's view
- Life necessity – food, clothing, etc.
- More opportunity to worship, different ways
- Hope, healing, and wholeness

## **Example #1**

### **Vision Statement**

Make Disciples of Jesus Christ

### **Mission Statement**

We make Disciples of Jesus Christ through Baptism, teaching, and obedience.

We know that a Disciple has been made through the 5 essential marks of a Disciple:

1. Professing faith
2. Biblically literate
3. Relationally connected to the church
4. Living sacrificially through generosity and service
5. Actively discipling others

## **Example #2**

### **Vision Statement**

Love God, Love Others

### **Mission Statement**

We love God through obedience to His Word and His Son. We love others through building meaningful relationships with the community for Christ.

## **Draft of Vision Statements given from HHMC Group Work**

- To build a community focused on God.
- A community in an active relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Followers of Christ that gather, grow, and go.

## **Draft of Mission Statements given from HHMC Group Work**

- Love, learn, grow, and witness
- Believers committed to making followers of Jesus Christ, who seek to serve our community, growing in faith, building relationships, and discovering our gifts.
- 3 part:
  - Gather through outward evangelism in community through actions and activities
  - Grow membership through baptism, teaching, and obedience.
  - Go into the world to spread the Word of Jesus Christ through witness.
- To create a Christian experience for all people that encourages a relationship with Christ.