



ST. ANDREW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DENTON, TEXAS

2016 ANNUAL MEETING MISSION STUDY IMPACTS

JANUARY, 2016

MISSION STATEMENT



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Where ALL May Come to Be Amazed by Grace, Surrounded by Love, Equipped to Serve





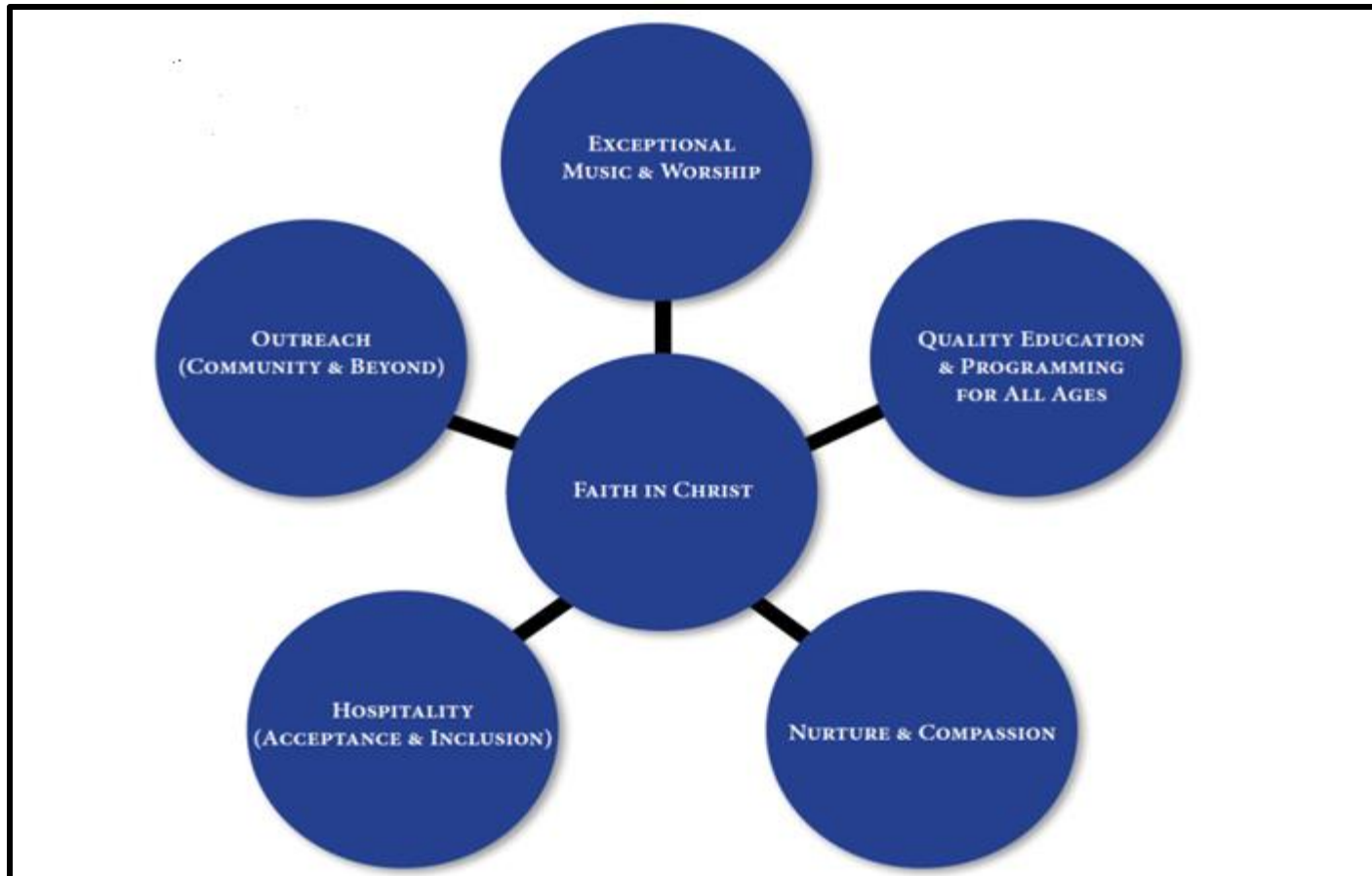
St. Andrew committees and working groups aligned their efforts to the Mission Study

- **Worship & Music**
- **Mission**
- **Presbyterian Women**
- **Children's Ministry**
- **Youth Ministry**
- **Membership**
- **Buildings & Grounds**
- **Diaconate**
- **Congregational Nurture**
- **Communications**
- **Adult Faith Formation**

SAINT ANDREW CORE VALUES



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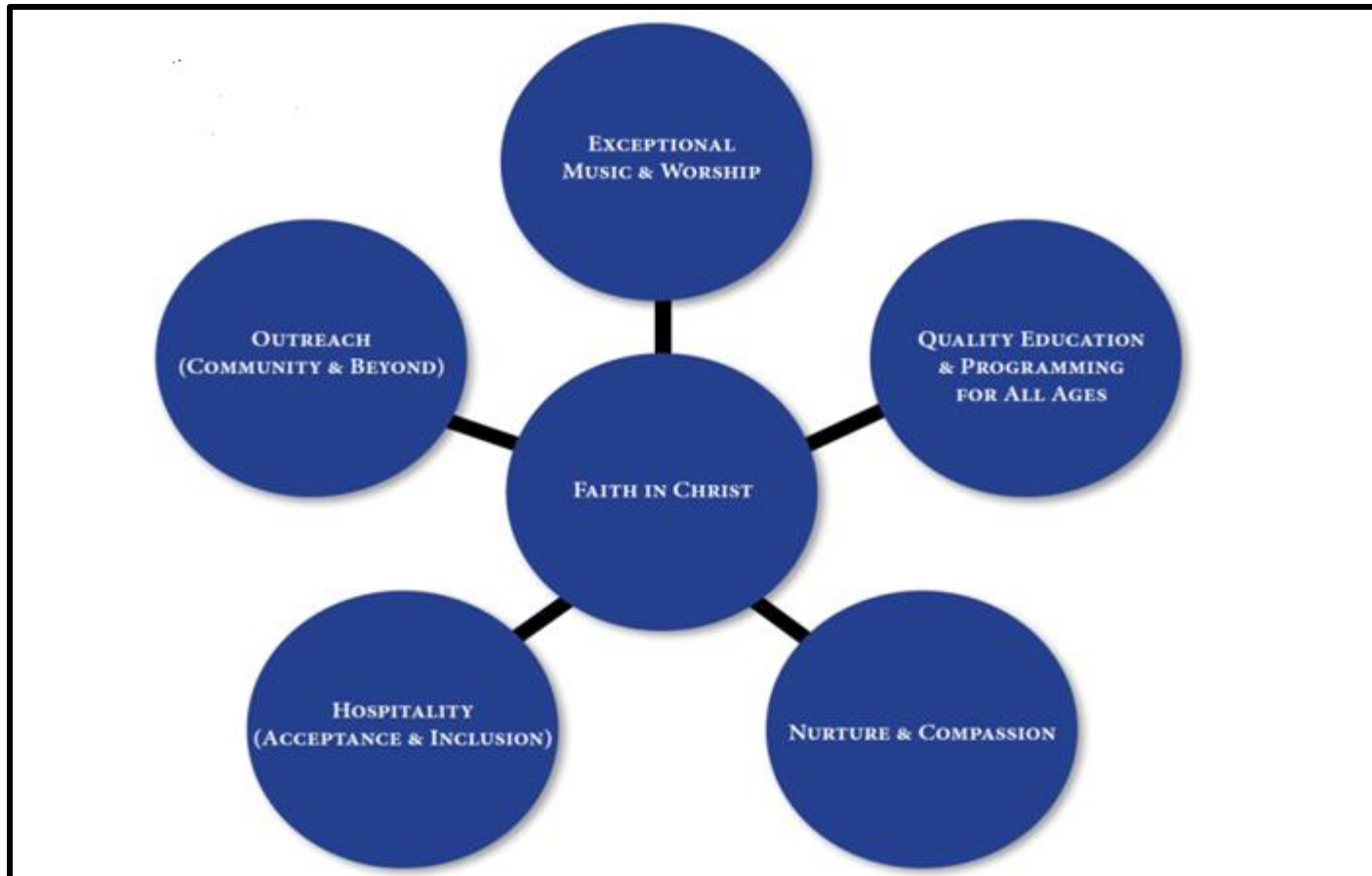


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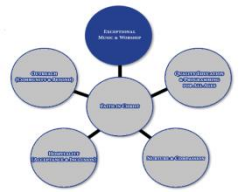
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- Vision and Actions Steps -

- We aspire to create an inter-generational space where God is glorified in old ways and new - where music, preaching, and sacraments remain true to our Reformed tradition and heritage while reaching out to explore God's love and grace in new ways.

Action Steps

- Focus on Congregational Unity
- Provide Spiritual Air for All to Breathe
- Affirm our Reformed Heritage



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- Vision and Actions Steps: Progress in 2015 -

Action Step	Examples of How We Supported It	Working Groups										
		Worship & Music	Adult Faith Formation	Children's Ministry	Youth Ministry	Mission	Buildings & Grounds	Diaconate	Congregation Nurture	Membership	Communications	Presbyterian Women
Focus on Congregational Unity	▪ Consolidated to one Sunday morning service	✓									✓	
	▪ Elevator, Electrical Panel, LED lights, Sound System						✓					
	▪ Transportation, Homebound Communion							✓	✓			
	▪ Welcome centers, Name Tags									✓		
Provide Spiritual Air for All to Breathe	▪ Hired new Director of Music, Dr. Jeffrey Snider	✓										
	▪ Prayer Services, Bell ringers, Liturgists, Musical theater	✓	✓	✓	✓							
	▪ "Glory to God" hymnal, Adult & Youth Choirs, Handbells	✓		✓	✓							
	▪ Worship Through Work					✓						
Affirm our Reformed Heritage	▪ First Kirkin' o' the Tartans service	✓									✓	
	▪ Fresh elements while honoring the traditional tenets	✓										
	▪ Youth Services, Children's Art	✓		✓	✓							



QUALITY EDUCATION & PROGRAMMING FOR ALL



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- Vision and Actions Steps -

- We aspire to create an inter-generational place of intellectual freedom where life's difficult questions can be freely asked.
- We aspire to create a learning environment of trust and mutual respect where knowledge, grace, and God's people grow together.
- We aspire to be a faith community where Christian education is valued, where disciples are shaped and formed as we engage both the mind and the heart.
- We aspire to provide a class, meeting, or small group for all age groups and seasons of life.

Action Steps

- Facilitate connectedness within the congregation
- Equip each congregant to pursue their particular discipleship call
- Celebrate the joy of our Faith.



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Facilitate connectedness within the congregation	▪ Mens' & Womens' retreats, Seder Suppers, Bible Study	✓	✓	✓			✓					✓
	▪ Lunch & Learns, Special Lectures, Field Trips	✓										
	▪ Confirmation Mentors, Youth Sponsorship	✓		✓								
	▪ Newsletters , Seasonal guides & postcards									✓		
	▪ Fellowship, Coffee, Potlucks, Directory, Dinners								✓			✓
Equip each to pursue their call	▪ Sunday School, Super Wednesday, Fall Festival of Faith	✓	✓	✓								
	▪ Childrens Chapel, Sacraments Workshop, Confirmation		✓	✓								
	▪ Youth learning & serving @ local, Presbytery, Synod			✓								
Celebrate the joy of our Faith.	▪ Theology on Tap, Dentoning	✓			✓				✓			
	▪ Vacation Bible School	✓	✓	✓	✓							
	▪ Congregational Picnics		✓	✓			✓	✓				
	▪ Circle Fellowship											✓



NURTURE AND COMPASSION



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- Vision and Actions Steps -

- We aspire to be a Christian community that honors the wisdom of our venerable while celebrating the boisterousness of our youth.
- We aspire to tend to the needs of our neighbor with compassion, kindness and love.
- We aspire to build a community inspired by the generosity of each person's time, talent and treasure.

Action Steps

- Nurture our Neighbor
- Nurture the Organization

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Nurture our Neighbor	▪ Agency Support	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓
	▪ Worship through Work, Mission Fair, Market for Mission	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						✓
	▪ Mission Work Days, Spirit Horse Ranch	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
	▪ Support Goodland Boys Home,	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓						
	▪ Bereavement & Prayer Teams, Cradle Cross, Shut-in Visits					✓		✓				
	▪ Youth Mission: Treehouse families, Nashville Trip				✓							
	▪ Valentine's cards sent to homebound members			✓								
Nurture the Organization	▪ Mission Study and PNC Efforts											
	▪ SMART Committee and Session Strategic Planning											



HOSPITALITY



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- Vision and Actions Steps -

- We aspire to be a Christian community that understands hospitality in terms of God's extravagant grace freely given to all. To this end, we aspire to create a place where Christians are equipped to meet Christ in the face of every person.
- We aspire to be a community where all people, from the youngest to the oldest, are welcomed, respected, and valued.
- We aspire to be a place where anyone can find a listening ear, a helping hand, and an open heart.
- We aspire to be a community without outsiders or outcasts; a place where no one needs to be alone or afraid.
- To fully embrace this vision, we recognize that, as a community of faith, we will have to intentionally train our eyes to see past social prejudices and train our hearts to conquer our fears of difference.

Action Steps

- Explore Ways to Enhance our Inclusive Hospitality
- Create a Welcome Statement based on the Spirit of the Mission Study and Vision Statements.



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Enhance our Inclusive Hospitality	▪ Goodland & Maundy Thurs Dinner, Mother's Day Brunch								✓				
	▪ Delivery of chancel flowers after worship by deacons							✓					
	▪ Fellowship and coffee following our worship services								✓	✓		✓	
Create a Welcome Statement	▪ Session team in progress												



OUTREACH



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- Vision and Actions Steps -

- We aspire to create a safe place, well known in our community, where Christians are intentionally equipped to translate their faith into loving actions that reach out to those in need.
- We aspire to share the warmth of our welcome, the vibrancy of our worship, the freedom of our intellectual inquiry, and the relevance of our mission with everyone in our community.
- We aspire to be a church well-known for our open hearts and open doors in the midst of Denton's vibrant downtown district.

Action Steps

- Engage the Community more Actively
- Enhance the Marketing of Saint Andrew's Offerings



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Engage the Community more Actively	▪Denton Lighting Festival	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
	▪Market for Mission, Mission Fair				✓	✓						✓
	▪Give-A-Meal-A-Month Denton Community Food Bank				✓		✓					
	▪Art & Paper Supplies for Denton Christian Preschool				✓		✓					
	▪Gift Bags for Giving Hope, Inc. Clientele on Mother's Day				✓		✓					
	▪Interfaith Ministries Apple Tree Project				✓		✓					
	▪Our Daily Bread Holiday Gift Items				✓		✓					
Enhance the Marketing of Saint Andrew's Offerings	▪Weekly Denton Record-Chronicle ads											✓
	▪Seasonal displays for Easter, Christmas, Special Events											✓
	▪Repainted the Van!						✓					