



Abide in me as I abide in you. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15: 4a, 5)



- **2020 VISION** is designed to encourage congregations to ask what the *"Spirit is saying to"* them.
- **2020 VISION** is designed to offer a common vocabulary to talk about vision.

2020 Vision is not designed to give congregations more work - nor is it a plan for congregations “to adopt.”

What alignment or connections do you find between your congregational vision and 2020 Vision?

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a movement of God's Spirit

We are people of Christ's peace



Enjoy God in transforming worship and find joy in taking God's love to the world.

- To live in obedience, participate in God's activity, and joyfully tell others about this transformation.
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Encourage others with God's healing and hope in the places we live, work, and play

- To embrace diversity of culture, race, language, and worship, remove barriers between these differences and minister the *shalom* of Christ
- To create safe and trusting places for relationships to develop and healing to emerge.
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What spiritual disciplines will we use for discerning what God is saying?



In what ways will we use John 15 for individual and corporate life together?



2020 Vision
We see new life

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Equip disciples to fulfill their Spirit-given call for God's mission in the world

- To train disciples and leaders for the work of ministry and mission.
- To raise up youth as a culture-shaping generation and influence in the world and church.
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Engage the world with the Good News of Jesus as a mission-shaped church

- To seek out what God is doing and participate with the Spirit in God's work. Multiply and plant churches.
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How will we help all persons to understand God's call in their life and ministry?



As we grow in understanding God's missional purpose for us, what changes are we encountering?



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VALUES

Our values provide us with a Jesus-center to do shared mission. With these values embraced as a fellowship of congregations, we wade into the river of God in a united witness to the world and to each other.

Because Jesus Christ is the center of our faith and life . . .

... we value a way of seeing the world through God's reign.

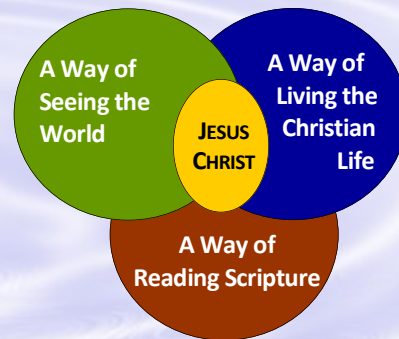
- allegiance to the reign of God
- believers baptism
- varied expressions of culture, race, language and worship

... we value a way of reading Scripture through Jesus.

- that leads to authentic obedience to Jesus Christ.
- Anabaptist expressions such as *Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective*.

... we value a way of living the Christian life as disciples.

- God's mission of reconciliation
- peace rooted deeply in Scripture
- disciples who live intentionally as a culturally-relevant contrast to the world
- the Christian home
- simplicity, integrity, justice, and person/global stewardship



Resources on LMC Core Values are available at the Conference Office or on line at www.lancasterconference.org

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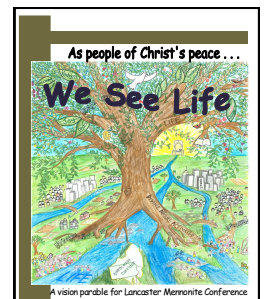
RESOURCES

Lancaster Mennonite Conference leaders and congregations began a process in 2010 to discern where God is already at work in our midst and how we might partner as a fellowship of 170 congregations across seven states. The *We See Life* booklet (at upper right) was used as a tool to foster this year-long discussion across the conference.

In 2011, the discussion shifted from vision to sketching out a plan. Congregations and leaders began asking how to engage God's mission of reconciliation to the world over the next ten years? Where are the places God is appointing congregations to join in what God is already doing?

Now in 2012, we continue the discernment and conversation to specific and practical directions. With the power of the Holy Spirit, congregations are encouraged to shape measurable, intentional goals that will find specific applications in their context. This booklet gives you brief descriptions of values, plans, and intentional goals for our fellowship of congregations.

During 2012, congregations are encouraged to use John 15:1-17 as the **Dwelling in the Word Text** in a variety of ways in congregational life (preaching, Bible study, committee meetings, Sunday school, etc.)



Introduction Booklet



March 2011



March 2012

Missional: all of God's people living and proclaiming all of God's gospel in all parts of God's world.

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