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Sent-One's: A Commissioning

by Greg Kay

The word “missionary” means someone who is sent—“sent-ones” sent out with a task, a call, sent out with a vocation. For some, this call is specifically to vocational ministry, and we often call these people missionaries. If you think about it though, we are all missionaries in the sense that the God who loves us and calls us all by name also sends us into the world as followers of Jesus. It doesn't matter if your call is as a teacher or a sanitation worker, a pastor or an accountant, a CEO or a parent; it doesn't matter if your vocation is a paid profession or what you do outside of work as a hobby, volunteer position or simply how you live. God has created you uniquely and beautifully, called you to be the person you are created to be, sent you into your homes, friendships, communities and workplaces to reflect the character of God through the particularities (and peculiarities!) of who you are, where you are.

To celebrate this, every fall we have a Sunday morning where we commission everyone in the church community to their places of vocation. Based on the book Faith Goes to Work by Robert Banks, our commissioning will be based on which aspect of the image of God your vocation primarily reflects and enacts in the world. We invite you to prayerfully consider how God is calling you in your vocation by reflecting on the characteristics below to see which one most reflects your personal sense of vocation.

Vocation and the Image of God

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Redemptive work

God's saving activity, reconciling “all things, whether in heaven or in earth” (Col 1:19-20)

- whenever anyone speaks up for God
- “prepared to give an answer to anyone who asks” (1 Peter 3:15)
- Employment that possesses a redemptive dimension
- Examples: evangelists, apologists, church founders, counsellors, social workers, engaging in negotiating an end to hostilities, mediating divorce cases and other disputes, resolving neighbourhood or racial conflicts, screen writers/ producers committed to developing redemptive motifs.



Creative Work

God's work began long before the incarnation. God's fashioning the physical and human world, the novel and surprising ways God shapes historical and future events. God continues to work in the world partly through human creative work.

- Examples: arts, musicians, painters, sculptors, writers, filmmakers, crafts, craft persons like, potter, metalworker, weaver, knitter, stonemason, carpenter, builder, and architect, or gardening and landscape, interior design, urban planning
- Activity with a touch of originality or creativity outside of traditional art forms such as homemakers, office workers and factory hands that have found ways to grace work with creative touch.



Providential Work

Full range of what God brings, gives, and supplies to us. All that God does to maintain the universe and human life in an orderly and beneficial fashion. Conserving, sustaining, replenishing, daily provider.

- Examples: bureaucracies that run society, public utility workers, entrepreneurs building businesses and creating jobs,

service occupations and trades supply and support and fix and remedy problems, civil servant, housing inspector, trash collector, cab, bus driver, garage mechanic, builder, janitors, cleaning services.



Justice Work

Giving people their fair and equal redress or due.

- Examples: legislators, government regulators, judges and attorneys, supervisors, para-legal workers, social activists, minority advocates, consumer protectors, people who apply equitable rules, seek to avoid discrimination, adopt an affirmative action approach.



Compassionate Work

Showing compassion, as seen in divinely appointed “servant” described by the prophets (Isaiah 40-55)

- Examples: helping professions ranging from doctors, nurses, paramedics, psychologists, therapists, community workers, home visitors, personnel directors, welfare agents, or like work within the home.



Revelatory Work

God as the one who enlightens others about the truth. Revealing, enlightening, educating activity of God that seeks to bring truth and wisdom to others.

- Examples: preachers, professors, teachers, writers, commentators, journalists, parents, humorists, cartoonists.

Dedicating Salomeja

by Thando Gada



On the 1st of March 2023, we began a wonderful journey of being parents to our precious gift from the Lord, Salomeja Simi Gada. We named her after her late great grandmother, which is a Lithuanian name meaning "calm" and Simi, her second name, from my late father Similo which we shortened to Simi meaning "God has heard".

I've always dreamed of becoming a mother, but always wondered what would happen to the love I have for traveling. Last year before I turned 31 my main prayer was, his ways are not my ways, and that I will trust in him in all things. Thomas lost his grandmother who we named Salomeja after in May 2022 and June 2022 we found out I was pregnant. God answered my prayer!

It was hard being so far away from your loved ones- all my family in South Africa and Thomas's family in Lithuania but God trusted us to be parents of Salomeja. I knew God was with us through my pregnancy. He says in Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart. I appointed you as a prophet to the nation". The verse spoke to both of us. It was God's will and a mother is a dream come through.



Late last year we moved to this community and my prayer was for God to provide us with a faith community that we could grow with. There's an age old saying that I grew up hearing my parents say: "kuthathi lali ukukhulisa umntana" which means "it takes

a village to raise a child." The first day we visited I knew God had answered my prayers, and that we had found our home at Spring Garden Church, the village which would help us raise our daughter, Salomeja. We want to raise Salomeja in a home where she could see God's love through us. We want her to grow in God's will and God's word.

Almost all my ducks are in a row.

Almost.

By Jen Chrystman



As the date of my departure for Manila draws closer, God has answered so many prayers. OMF has given me a brand-new computer to take with me and into retirement. Yeah God, eh! A few friends have helped me spread 20 cubic yards of soil on my new “front lawn” and scatter the first 16 kg of grass seed. Yes, its growing well. My niece’s husband Michael has offered to build a front deck for my trailer, with steps up to the 1.2m high door so that Doorbelle can get inside. One of our community members has contributed towards my airline ticket and I’m waiting to hear from the Philippines consulate if my visa has been approved. If so, it would save me a long trek down to the immigration department once I’m in Manila. Do I hear more cheering for God?

On October 15, I’ll tell a brief story during the morning Woship Gathering and receive prayer for my up-coming ministry. Then, after coffee time, I’ll be around to tell a few more stories and answer questions while you snack on some Filipino dried mangoes and some cracker nuts. While I’m gone, my Filipino son Fred will be here in Canada on a speaking tour, as executive director of Dawn for the Poor ministries. He’ll be in Toronto from Wed, Nov 15 till Tues Nov 21. If you’d like to hear about God’s amazing blessings to the urban poor through the past 25 years of church planting, youth work, sponsorship, medical/dental missions, etc, let me know! He’s still not booked for Thursday Nov 16, Monday Nov. 20 or the 21st. You can also check out the website <http://dawnforthe poor.org> for more details.

Thanks for your on-going prayers and support as I move back into active ministry in the Philippines. I really appreciate you!



2023 Summer Day Camps

By Jeremy Ranasinghe

Our Summer Day Camps in 2023 were amazing, and our campers had a great time.

As the summer began, we welcomed many campers who were new and arrived with understandable apprehensions and nerves. However, as the days went by, we witnessed a heartwarming change in many who were initially nervous and unwilling to be part of our camp. These hesitant campers not only embraced our camp by the end, but also eagerly sought to extend their registration for additional weeks, with some even expressing a desire to secure spots for next year (although we don’t currently have the capacity for that).

This remarkable summer was made possible by the incredible dedication and hard work of our summer staff and Leaders in Training (LIT). Their tireless efforts created an environment that encouraged personal growth and a deep sense of belonging within our church community for everyone involved.

We can’t thank our staff and LIT members enough for their commitment and contribution to making our camp a safe spiritual space that encouraged the growth we witnessed in our campers. As we reflect on this summer, we are thankful to God and the support of our church community as we look forward with hope to next summer and the opportunities it will bring.



Volunteering at Willowdale Manor

Are you interested in connecting and supporting seniors in our community? If so, Willowdale Manor and NeighbourLink North

York are inviting us to participate in two events happening 175 Cummer Ave on:

Wednesday, October 11th from 4-6PM(Physio Class).

Wednesday, October 25th from 4-6PM(Dance Class).

They are looking for volunteers of all ages to connect with and offer support to the seniors who will be coming out these events. If you are interested in receiving more information or you are available to volunteer at one or both of these events, contact Emily at: emilykielstra@springgardenchurch.ca.



SGC Gym Nights

What: A night of sports including but not limited to Volleyball, Basketball, etc.

Event Times & Locations:

• October 14, Jan 27, 7pm-9pm at

Westmount C.I.

- November 18, 7:30pm-9:30pm at Alexander McKenzie High School
- Cost: \$5 per person, per event

Go to tiny.cc/sgcgymnights to sign up.

Home Group Sundays

You are invited to join us after worship from 12-2PM on October 22nd, November 5th, and November 19th for a time of eating, conversation, and prayer. For each of the weeks, we will meet downstairs in the multipurpose room where we will share a meal together, participate in an intergenerational activity, have a chance to engage in conversation about the sermon, and spend some time praying for one

another. Please note that this is an inter-generational event and so people of all ages are welcome to join us. You can sign up at <http://tiny.cc/smallgroupsunday> or by contacting Emily at: emily.kielstra@springgardenchurch.ca.



Fire Drill & Truck

On Sunday, October 29th we will be having a practice fire drill during our Worship Gathering. There will then be a fire truck on hand for the kids to see and hot pancakes for everyone to enjoy!



Ukrainian Newcomers Welcome Tea

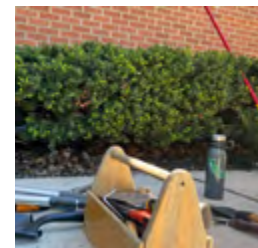
Join us on Sunday, October 29th from 3pm - 6pm to give a warm welcome to newcomers from Ukraine. We are looking for volunteers who can help with any of the following things: set-up, clean-up, table hosting, and/or providing

home-baked treats. Additionally, given that it will be a Halloween themed event, any Halloween candy or decoration donations are welcome; these can be dropped off at the church on Monday to Friday between 9am & 3pm or on Sunday mornings when we have worship. Email Emily at emily.kielstra@springgardenchurch.ca if you are interested in/available to volunteer or provide food or decoration items for the event.



Halloween at SGC

For Halloween (Tuesday, October 31st), we will be handing out candy and serving hot chocolate to our neighbours. If you don't celebrate Halloween or you live in a condo and would like to help with handing out candy, please email Emily at emilykielstra@springgardenchurch.ca.



Fall Church Clean-Up

Sunday, November 12, 12:00-2:30pm

We will be holding our Fall clean-up after worship on Sunday, November 12. Bring lunch, and we will work on cleaning up leaves and flower beds, trimming any hedges, and working

on some interior projects. The day will be our opportunity to work together as a community and care for the resources and facilities God has given us. Come join us!

The Property Stewardship Team: Scott Moore, Ben Reynolds, Gary Lam, Sam Lee, Martin Bouwma, Wes Chapman, Clem Lee, Peggy Moore, Chad Tranter, James Wright.

Lunch, Prayer & Share



Hard to believe that the summer has slipped away and we are into the fall season. If you find yourself free on the 1st or 3rd Thursday of each month from 12:00-2 pm, plan to join us in the East Lounge.

We chat as we eat the lunches we bring with us, then look reflectively at a few verses of the Bible to see what God is saying to us that day. Each person has an opportunity to ask for specific prayer for their life journey and to share the burdens they carry. We see it as a privilege to pray for each other, knowing God hears and answers prayer.

You are invited to join us for the full two hours, or for part of the time. You will always find a welcome.

WHERE: The East Lounge that opens off the Worship Area.

WHEN: The First and Third Thursday of each month from 12-2 pm
WANT MORE INFORMATION?

Contact Faith Holwyn 416 805-7529 faith.holwyn@gmail.com



2024 Church Wide Retreat

May 31 - June 2, 2024

This year's church retreat was a wonderful time of renewal in community. We had such a great time that we decided to have another retreat next year! We will have a new speaker and enjoy the same location, except we will get full use of the beach for the entire weekend! Keep watching our weekly email to get your early bird discount when sign-up starts.

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Home Groups

As people who worship a triune God, we believe we are called to embrace spiritual growth as a collective, not simply as individuals. We also believe that we are all made in the image of God and are therefore created to belong in community. Home Groups are designed for us to pursue spiritual growth together and experience a deeper sense of belonging by creating opportunities to strengthen relationships with one another, engage in spiritual disciplines together, and participate in mission as a community. We have a number of Home Groups which meet on a regularly basis, both in person and online:



Wednesdays from 7:30 pm to 9 pm
At Spring Garden Church (in person)



Wednesdays from 8 pm to 9:30 pm
Online (Zoom)



Every second Sunday from 1 pm to -3 pm
At Spring Garden Church (in person)

If you are interested in joining a Home Group or you would like more information about Home Groups, please contact emilykielstra@springgardenchurch.ca

Do you want to share something God is doing in your life or that you see God working around you? Something that could be a positive influence for the readers? A poem, story, art, photos...? We want to hear from you!

Email delve@springgardenchurch.ca if interested.



Hey Everyone!

We hope you and your family had an enjoyable start of the fall and that school is going well for everyone!

There's some new stuff happening this month and we wanted you to be aware!

1. Nursery: Our revamped Blue Room is open for parents with babies (0-18 months) to use and enjoy freely during worship on Sunday mornings. We've renovated the room with new items to use with your baby and a livestream connection. **Please remember to clean up and supervise your child as the room will not have active supervision by ministry volunteers.**
2. Kid's Groups Combined!: Our Toddlers & Pre-K, and JK/SK groups, will now meet as one group in the Orange Room for their worship on Sunday mornings. - **New Group: Toddler - SK Group (2 - 5 years)**
3. Big & Small Groups: Both Grades 1-3 and Grades 4 & 5 will meet for the God Story teaching in the Purple Room for drop-off and end in separate locations for pick-up.
 - a. Grades 1 - 3 will continue in the yellow room for their small group following the God Story
 - b. Grades 4 & 5 will remain in the purple room after the God Story

Registration Forms 2023: For us to provide our ministry to the children of our church, we require new registration forms to be filled by their families every year as part of our policy to protect. Please fill out our form through this link <http://tiny.cc/SGCFamilyRegistration>

Sunday Morning Registration: On Sunday mornings, you'll be able to register children for worship at the child and youth check-in area. Please select the

correct worship space for children as you're doing so to help us keep accurate records and better streamline registration. If you require assistance with this either Jeremy or Sam can help!

We will have sticker name tags printed out for our children to wear along with a security label displaying the unique code also printed on your child(ren)'s name tag.

Please keep your security labels each Sunday for pick-up to help our new volunteers get to know and be familiar with you.

Here is what we will be talking about on Sundays!

Are We There Yet?: A 5-Week Series Israel & The Wilderness

Can you imagine needing to walk through the desert? You'd be surrounded by cacti, sand, snakes, and more sand. With the heat of the sun, we'd wind up so thirsty and wondering "Are we there yet?" That's probably how the Israelites felt as they wandered around the desert, waiting to enter the Promised Land. But no matter how tired our feet get, we can focus on what's happening in our lives right now rather than just on where we're going. In this five-week series based on stories from Exodus, we'll explore how we can choose to be thankful, love God and others, turn to God when we're lost, go to God when we need rest, and remember God's promise



I AM MAKING A WAY IN
THE WILDERNESS
AND STREAMS IN THE
WASTELAND.

ISAIAH 43:19B (NIV)

Online Resources For Home: To help serve your family better, we have uploaded all our SGC Kids' curricula online. The following link can be used to access our curriculum and use it at home, as well as find info pamphlets for following up with kids on what was discussed during their worship on Sunday mornings.

SGC Kids Curriculum Link: <http://tiny.cc/OnlineCurriculum>



Sunday Morning Worship Gatherings:

October 8th & 15th: We will have regular worship gatherings for youth in grades 6-12. Following the children and youth's blessing, the youth will move to our lounge to continue in worship.

Oct 1st: We will be part of our SGC's Intergenerational Worship and invite our youth to be part of this gathering as we look at Truth and Reconciliation day as it pertains to First Nations and indigenous peoples.

Oct 22nd: Our youth will be on our fall retreat so we will not have worship on this day. Please see below for more information!

Oct 29th: On the last Sunday of each month our youth will be part of the upstairs worship gathering along with the adult congregation. On these Sundays, we encourage youth to participate in and/or to serve in another area of the church's ministry. For those interested please speak with Jeremy and fill out the following form <http://tiny.cc/YouthLIT-Fall>

Youth Home Groups:

Sr High Home Groups: Oct 6th, 2023 - Our Sr High will meet for our life group meeting in our youth lounge. We will gather in our youth lounge to have dinner and talk about life as we're growing up and how Jesus can play a part of that. To ensure enough food is prepared, please email Jeremy (along with any allergy/food restriction info) to let us know!

Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Cost: \$5 (Dinner Included)

Jr High Home Groups: Oct 27th, 2023 - Our Jr High life groups will meet in our building this month. Unlike our regular youth events, Life Groups focuses on intentionally living life as a community. We want to engage in conversations with youth **about what is happening around us and the struggles we face.**

Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Cost: \$0 (Dinner not provided, we will have snacks and treats)

Friday Youth Gatherings:

October 14th: SGC Gym Night - In place of our monthly games night, we are inviting and encouraging youth to join and participate in SGC's Gym Night Saturday evening on the 14th. For more information check out our registration form here - tiny.cc/sgcgymnights or contact Sam Lee (samlee@springgardenchurch.ca)

October 20th - 22nd: - Fall Youth Retreat Details:

We are very excited about our youth's fall retreat this year. We will be staying over at the Scott Mission Camp in Collingwood, Ontario and participating in various games, activities and worship with each other.

****This retreat is open to all youth in grades 6-12 ****

Our goal for the fall retreat is to grow relationally with each other while having worship and session times about what it means to be part of God's Church in a personally meaningful way as part of a larger community. We want the weekend to be time for youth to enjoy conversations about life and faith with the hope that our talks will help us know God better as we get to know each other better.

Drop Off Oct 20th: 5:00pm @ SGC Building

Pick Up Oct 22nd: 3:00pm @ SGC Building

Please get in touch with Jeremy for any questions or for more details - Jeremy@springgardenchurch.ca

Date: October 20th-22nd, 2023

Place: Scott Mission's Collingwood Property
(RR 1 Lcd Collingwood, Collingwood, ON L9Y 3Y9)

Cost: \$90 (subsidies available)

\$85 for additional youth of the same household/family

Registration Link - <http://tiny.cc/SGCYouthRetreat>

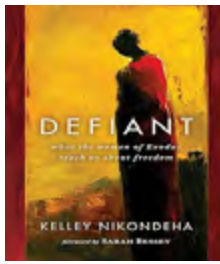
****Registration Deadline: October 13th, 2023****

Staying Updated: To stay up to date on what is happening for your youth, please visit our google calendar which has all our planned events. <http://tiny.cc/YouthCal>

Defiant: what the women of Exodus teach us about freedom, by Kelley Nikondeha

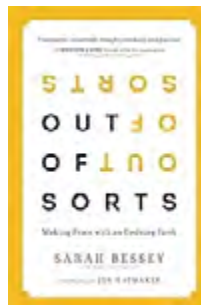
There would be no Moses, no crossing of the Red Sea, no story of breaking the chains of slavery if it weren't for the women in the Exodus narrative. Women on both sides of the Nile exhibited a subversive strength resisting Pharaoh and leading an entire people to freedom. Defiant explores how the Exodus women summoned their courage, harnessed their intelligence, and gathered their resources to enact justice in many small ways and overturned an empire. Women find themselves in similar circumstances today. The Women's March stirred the conscience of a nation and prompted women to organize with and for their neighbors, it is worth reflecting on the resistance literature of Exodus and what it has to offer women.

Defiant is about the deep work women to create conditions for liberation in their church, community, and country. The women of Exodus defied Pharaoh, raised Moses, and plundered Egypt. We are invited to consider what the midwives, mothers of Moses, Miriam, Zipporah and her sisters demonstrate under the oppressive regime of Pharaoh and what it might unlock for us as we imagine our mandate under modern systems of injustice.



Out of sorts: making peace with an evolving faith, by Sarah Bessey

In Out of Sorts, Sarah Bessey helps us to grapple with core Christian issues using a mixture of beautiful storytelling and biblical teaching, a style well described as “narrative theology.”



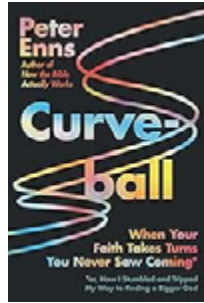
As she candidly shares her wrestlings with core issues—such as who Jesus is, what place the Church has in our lives, how to disagree yet remain within a community, and how to love the Bible for what it is rather than what we want it to be—she teaches us how to walk courageously through our own tough questions. In the process of gently helping us sort things out, Bessey teaches us how to be as comfortable with uncertainty as we are with solid answers. And as we learn to hold questions in one hand and answers in the other, we discover new depths of faith that will remain secure even through the storms of life.

Curve-ball: when your faith takes turns you never saw coming or, How I stumbled and tripped my way to finding a bigger God, by Peter Enns

Life throws us “curve balls”—from devastating personal losses to world tragedies. These events often leave us doubting God, the Bible, and our faith. But instead of pushing away our reservations, we should embrace them, Peter Enns argues. A leading biblical scholar and Christian mentor, Enns has never been afraid to question the Bible or Christian beliefs. Such thoughtful inquisitiveness, he argues, is part of God's plan. He wants us to question, because doing so actually leads to a stronger, lasting faith.

By reframing how we see these events, we allow ourselves to see how the Bible itself showcases this very process and that “treating curve balls as the enemy” is not only counterproductive but thwarts God's goal of helping us become mature and wise. Enns shares a number of curve balls he's encountered in his own life and the questions he has pondered. Does God care about the millions of people who never heard the gospel? Could I relate to a God who has created a universe this big? If God is so relatable, constant, and caring, how do we explain quantum physics? He reveals how particular biblical passages have helped him find wisdom, and how they can do the same for us.

As Curveball persuasively shows, God is bigger and more mysterious than anyone's expectations. We need a faith that can grow just as deeply.



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What's Happening

Life in Spring Garden

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Weekly

All Throughout the Week	HOME GROUPS Connect for Community Together through bible study, prayer and sharing. Meet online and in-person. Please email emilykielstra@springgardenchurch.ca for more information or to join one. See more on page 14.	
Sundays	SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP Join us Sunday mornings as we go through different series' (read more). Join us at: www.springgardenchurch.ca/live or come in-person.	10am
Coming Soon	ESL BIBLE STUDY Are you new to the English language and interested in learning more about Jesus? Coming soon, please keep your eye out for this on our weekly email or Sunday announcements.	
Tuesdays	PASTORAL TEAM MEETING We generally meet on Tuesday. Please pray for us, for wisdom and inspiration.	10am - 12pm
Thursdays	MOMS' MEET UP Moms and moms-to-be are invited to join us along with their little ones every Thursday morning for a time of conversation and play. Starting this month, we will be meeting in the Toddler Room located in the church building's basement. Contact Emily at emilykielstra@springgardenchurch.ca	10am
1st and 3rd Thursdays	LUNCH-PRAYER-SHARE Call Faith: 416 805-7529 or Email: faith.holwyn@gmail.com EVERYONE IS WELCOME.	12pm

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Our Values

We believe in a humble God who came not to be served, but to serve. Therefore we engage in sacrificial and active service to those around us. We strive to be good stewards of God's gifts and talents by serving one another in humility. We aspire to regard others as higher than ourselves, which liberates us to creatively take risks in serving others for God's glory.

We believe in a God of grace who came to save the world, not to condemn it. Therefore, as we are continuously receiving the gift of God's grace, we seek to grow in that grace and extend it to others. We strive to define ourselves by what we are for, not what we are against.

We believe in a God who knows us, and who desires to be known. Therefore we embrace a journey of faith that requires us to constantly strive for a personal, intimate and transformative knowledge of God. We strive to be led by God's Spirit in supporting and encouraging one another in working out our faith.

We believe in a creative God. Therefore we are open to expressing our faith in new and creative ways that reflect the beauty and complexity of our creator. We are called to use our creative gifts in worship and service as we engage with our world. We take joy in the diversity of gifts that allow us to delight God and participate in His ongoing story.

We believe in a triune, relational God who calls us to come together as a diverse community of believers. Therefore, we want to walk together, supporting one another physically, emotionally and spiritually. We strive to be a welcoming, inclusive family that goes through the joys and the trials of life together, acknowledging that God uses this community to deepen and mature our faith.

We believe in a God who loves this broken world and wants to reconcile us to Himself. Therefore we are commissioned by Christ to go out into the world, meeting the holistic needs of the local and global community. God calls us to participate in a redemptive work that he has already initiated; in humility, we will partner with others to work alongside and chase after Him.

We believe in a God who is our centre. Therefore where we are on the journey is less important than that we are moving towards a deeper relationship with Christ. We believe and participate in God's redemptive work in all people, which gives us the freedom to come as we are, and to accept others as they are. We each are on a unique journey to become who God has created us to be.

