

POLICIES GOVERNING THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

End Policies

Mission Statement:

Mountainside Community Church exists to advance the Kingdom of God by vitally connecting people to Jesus Christ.

We see four pillars pointing to increasing vitality in that connection to Christ.

Converts

For people to journey from being pre-Christian to being vitally connected to Jesus, they first must become converts of Christ. (John 3:5-7, Romans 10:9-10)

1. Converts are people who have, repented of their sin, put their faith in Christ as Savior and are saved or born again.
2. People vitally connected to Jesus are definitely converts.

Community

For converted people to become vitally connected to Jesus (mature) they must experience community. (Acts 2:42-47, Romans 12:10)

1. Christians in community choose to journey life together in authentic relationships, where they are taught, loved, encouraged, prayed for, and held accountable, among other things.
2. People vitally connected to Jesus are in community.

Commitment

For converts in community to be vitally connected to Jesus, they must become deeply committed to Christ. (Luke 9:23, Phil. 2:5-11, Phil. 3:14)

1. Christians vitally connected to Jesus have made the deepest commitment of their life to Christ.
2. Those deeply committed to Christ reflect Christ's character and priorities – as modeled by His life.
3. People vitally connected to Jesus are deeply committed.

Contributors

For committed converts to be vitally connected to Jesus they must become contributors to Christ's cause. (John 20:21, Luke 6:40, 2 Tim. 2:1-2, Eph. 4:11-12)

1. Contributors to Christ's cause display the following characteristics:
 - they are serving according to their unique giftings
 - they have personally taken ownership of Christ's mission in their lives
 - they are helping others increase the vitality of their connection to Jesus
2. People vitally connected to Jesus are contributors to Christ's cause.