

As God's greatly loved children ...

1. ... we affirm our own need for repentance, recognizing where we have allowed anything but the Gospel of Jesus Christ to be at the center of our life and mission.
2. ... we affirm and commit ourselves to our Lord's foremost priority, *"that the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."* Luke 19:10
3. ... we affirm the Gospel freedom and responsibility of individuals and congregations to carry on the mission of God (**Missio Dei**) personally, locally and globally.
4. ... we affirm that the Reformation maxim **"Scripture alone"** (*sola Scriptura*) is crucial and formative to our witness, especially regarding the Scripture's message of God's love and heart for the lost as demonstrated in the person of Jesus Christ.
5. we affirm the power of the Gospel that called us out of this dark, sinful world into His marvelous light, the same Gospel which also empowers and sends us into the world as *"blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation,*
among whom (we) appear as lights ..., holding fast the word of life ..."
Philippians 2:15, 16
6. ... we affirm that the Gospel—and all truth revealed in and through the entirety of God's written Word—is not only what is most needed by the world but is also that which is used by the Holy Spirit to help all God's children determine appropriate methods of communicating God's love and truth to all people for all time.
7. ... we affirm that our identity as Christians is more important than our identity as Lutherans.
8. ... we affirm our individual and corporate freedom in practices that are neither commanded nor forbidden in the Scripture.
9. ... we affirm the various roles of lay men, women, and children—members of 'the priesthood of all believers'—as full participants in the life of the church and the mission of God (**Missio Dei**).
10. ... we affirm the joyful responsibility and freedom of pastors and laity to proclaim Christ at every opportunity and in every setting.
11. ... we affirm church leadership flowing from the hearts of servants of Jesus Christ.
12. ... we affirm that the most effective way to address the ongoing decline of the Church's influence in our communities and world—as well as the decline in congregational membership—is service to and witness in our communities with a fresh confidence in the Word of God and a bold witness to the Crucified and Risen Christ that is shared and lived.
13. ... we affirm that every Christian is called and sent by God to love and serve their neighbors in the name of Christ, proclaiming the saving Gospel within their community and world.
14. ... we affirm that works of service and evangelistic ministries in our everyday world are crucial aspects of the mission of God (**Missio Dei**) demonstrating the love of Christ in the world.
15. ... we affirm an avid use of historic orders of worship, while at the same time rejoicing in and learning from the great diversity of gifts, media, messengers, cultures, and expressions of faith at work in worship.

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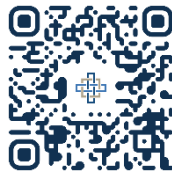
16. ... we affirm openness and transparency as standard operating procedure for leaders in the work of the Gospel.
17. ... we affirm collaboration in the global body of Christ and look for opportunities for congregations and ministries around the world to work together in humility as servants of Jesus in mission together.
18. ... we affirm and celebrate congregations and ministries which befriend sinners, welcoming everyone to hear and believe the Gospel, even those who do not look like us, act like us, or like us.



MISSION PARTNERS' PLATFORM (MPP) is a not-for-profit organization committed to equipping and empowering people and ministries to engage the people of their community with the Gospel message. The members of the **MISSION PARTNERS' PLATFORM** are pastors, commissioned members, and laity who anticipate the celebration of the multitude of people from every nation, tribe, language, and people as they lift their voices in thanksgiving and praise on the day of Christ's return. *Revelations 14:6-7*

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AFFIRMATIONS



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MISSION PARTNERS PLATFORM uses these **AFFIRMATIONS** as 'touch points' of loving, biblical truth by which our work in the *Missio Dei (Mission of God)* is shaped, governed, and driven, that all might know the truly life-changing love of God. God, our heavenly Father, longs for all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of salvation found in His Son Jesus.

MISSION PARTNERS PLATFORM, therefore, is committed followers of Jesus Christ – the ONE sent by the Father – who embrace God's "**Great Sending**" of all His people into the world. Through **Collaboration, Encouragement, and Resources ...** we live for, strive for, train for, encourage and implement missional activity in the harvest field of the world today while equipping the next generation for their harvest fields, until the day of Christ's return.