



October 2019

# Care & Share

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## Finishing up our Mission Statement

Wednesday evening, October 16 we hope to have a workshop during which we will articulate a rough draft for a mission statement for Emo Christian Reformed Church. It will be a description of **what** Emo CRC hopes to do in 30 words or less. **What** we do will say something about who we are to both the members of this church and to the broader community. The **what** may include,

- Showing others the love of Christ,
- Being the hands and feet of Christ,
- Living in the power of the Holy Spirit,
- Sharing the Gospel message with our neighbors and the world,
- Discipling the next generation towards true faith in Christ,
- Developing a closer relationship with Christ our King,
- Develop and use our gifts for the Kingdom of God,
- etc.....

A mission statement will also say something about **How** Emo CRC hopes to accomplish the **what** and will also say something about the sort of Church it is. The **How** will be included in the statement of 20 words or less. The **How** may include

- by building affordable housing for those who cannot afford it,
- by feeding the hungry and promoting healthy eating practices,
- by providing affordable vacation opportunities for families,
- by being a safe place to question God and wait for answers,
- by providing dynamic and authentic worship experiences for encountering God,
- by addressing suffering and poverty in our community and beyond,
- by partnering with our community in addressing local areas of need
- etc.....

Crafting the mission statement will involve using the concepts and ideas that clearly resonate with Emo CRC....ideas and concepts that were identified in the workshops held in June and the campfire conversations of this summer.

This information will consider the;

**Core Values**, (*Love, Respect, Grace, Thankfulness, Accountability, Wisdom, Compassion, Relationships*),

**Bedrock Beliefs**, (*Grace, Redeemer/Savior, Creator, God Is Love, Worship, Hope, Prayer*),

**Ways We Commonly Experience God**, (*in creation, in song and worship, in prayer, Bible, fellowship and family, when spared from harm, in difficult times, when prayers are answered, the birth of kids, when convicted of sin, when we gather together*)

**The Symbols that most reflect our faith**, (*Creation, Nature, Mountains, Grand Canyon, Sunsets/Sunrise, Spring And New Life, Rainbows, God's Hand/Being Hand In Hand, Campfire*)

### **Most commonly treasured Bible Verses**

<i>Ps.46:10</i>	<i>Be still and know that I am God</i>
<i>Rom.5:8</i>	<i>While you were still a sinner I came for you</i>
<i>Eph.2:8</i>	<i>You are saved by grace and it is God's gift to you.</i>
<i>Rom.8:38</i>	<i>I am convinced that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus</i>
<i>Rom.8:28</i>	<i>In all things God works for your good</i>
<i>Phil.4:6,7</i>	<i>Don't be anxious about anything but go to God with everything and his peace will guard your heart and mind.</i>
<i>Prov.3:5,6</i>	<i>Trust in God with all your heart, do not lean on your own understanding</i>
<i>Isa.40:31</i>	<i>Those who trust in the Lord will renew their strength</i>
<i>Micah 6:8</i>	<i>Act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with your God.</i>

The following are great questions to ask about the mission statement. Try answering these before we meet on October 16, 2019.

How can it best express the passions of Emo CRC?

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How can it best suggest / guide our direction in the next 5 years?

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What words will best describe –

a. a reputation for Emo CRC that is already true of us or

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b. a reputation that will honestly reflect who we truly are or

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a reputation we can honestly achieve in the next 5 years.

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### **Examples of Church Mission Statements**

Our mission is to help lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ by creating a dynamic environment for authentic worship and effective communication while developing genuine community with each other.

Our mission is to make fully devoted followers of Christ, to witness lives saved by the grace and truth of Jesus Christ and help believers grow as disciples.

Our mission is to turn the hearts of youth and families to God and each other, Develop our God-given potential in every area of our lives in order to advance the Kingdom of God, first throughout our circles of influence, then outward to our nation and the nations abroad.

Our vision and mission is to create a radically inclusive, just and loving community mobilized to alleviate suffering and break the cycles of poverty and marginalization.

Our mission is to follow Christ's example by preaching and teaching the Word of God and by serving one another and the broader community both physically and spiritually in Love.

Our vision is to accompany each other to the throne of Christ our King to be transformed and empowered as ambassadors of his gospel to his hurt and broken world.

Try Crafting a sample mission statement yourself. You are part of the body and your part in this counts.

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See you on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October.

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

The other day when someone on KBHW said, "Tomorrow is the last Friday of summer", it came as a bit of a shock to me. Not that I don't like fall, but as summer came a bit late again and the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of September was about as fall like as could be, it seems to have come and gone a bit too quickly. Each season has its own special features and beauty and fall with its deep and rich colours certainly can be beautiful. Travelling the highway between Sudbury and Sault St. Marie in October can be a stunning experience. John and I have done that and were filled with awe. Writing in Christian Courier, Derek Schuurman quotes John Calvin, who said, "Creation is a dazzling theater displaying God's glorious works." I'm sure we have all felt like applauding at times for the scenery around us.

We had a special Linger Lunch on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September to mark the beginning of a new Sunday School season with a great choice and variety of food. I wouldn't mind if we would do something like that a few more times during the year. Also, seeing all those children come forward for a time of special blessings was impressive.

Speaking of food, please mark your calendars for the evening of November 15, as the Dorcas Society is again planning a stampot supper. We do like having a good turnout.

Coffee Break also started up again on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September, beginning with a delicious breakfast. May we remember to pray for God's blessing on this program during this new season.

May the positions needing to be filled for the Education Committee and Sunday School program see those needs met. I am always impressed and thankful for all those willing to take on these responsibilities. May we also remember to pray for them.

Congratulations to Marcus and Jenelle Veldhuisen who were blessed with the birth of a baby boy, Owen Gregory, born on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Another grandson for Gerald and Diane. We are thankful with you and for you.

Congratulations to Rudy and Marie Sinninghe with the birth of another granddaughter. Poppy Quinn Sinninghe arrived on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Weight – 6 pounds. Daughter for Ryan & Amanda and a sister for Milo. Grandparents – Rudy & Marie and Jeff Styler.

May we remember to pray for all dealing with health or age related matters. As Pastor Kasey said last Sunday, it all matters to God.

Best wishes to all celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries in October. May you all have a blessed and special day on these special dates.

Seniors celebrating birthdays are Eleanor Wiersema on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ann Fluit on the 10<sup>th</sup>, Sidney Smid on the 16<sup>th</sup> and Dorothy Wiersema on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Rudy and Marie Sinninghe are the only ones celebrating more than 40 years of married life.

May we show true thankfulness as we celebrate Thanksgiving Day this month.

*An email received from Laura Hickey, earlier this month:*

Greetings on this cool rainy September day! Each season has its beauty—the leaves are turning orange, yellow and red. It has been interesting to once again experience the varied seasons that we have in Canada.

I have been able to help at Stoney Lake Bible camp from time to time over the summer. Camps went well and now the young folk have gone back to school. There is a corn maze event coming up this weekend. Equipment is being put away and efforts are being made to get things ready before the winter weather hits.

When I returned from Uganda and started my Home Assignment (furlough) time I was looking to the Lord to guide my next steps. I learned that the lady doing the finance work in Chad would be going on Home Assignment and there was a need for someone to cover for her. Since I had done that sort of work and lived in Chad some years back it seemed like a good fit for me. After much thought and prayer I have decided that I would like help there during her time away. Roughly it will be from the latter part of November through July 2020. Please pray for all of the plans and preparation for this assignment. I will write more in the next email. Thanks to all who joined me in prayer as I sought God's will in this.

May God bless you all. Thanks for all your interest and prayers.

Best wishes,

Laura



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Ed Heerema Shayna Kelly Eleanor Wiersema *Gerald & Colleen Wieringa (37th)	3 Jack Esselink Gerrit Esselink	4 Pasquel Shortreed	5 *Bram & Mary Grace Van der Kroef (12th)
6 *David & Kristine Kaemingh (29th)  10:00 WORSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL	7 Atlas McInerney Kim Veldhuisen	8 Colin Van Beek	9 Avery Veldhuisen  10:00 COFFEE BREAK	10 Ann Fluit *Gary & Betty Esselink (32nd)	11	12 *Dean & Christine Bethune (28th)
13  10:00 WORSHIP COMMUNION SUNDAY SCHOOL	14 Justus Crans Darryl Kelly Mary Grace Van der Kroef  10:00 <i>Thanksgiving</i> Worship Service	15 Gertie Kamerman  7:00 CONSISTORY	16 Sidney Smid  10:00 COFFEE BREAK 7:00 MISSION STATEMENT WORKSHOP	17 Noah Veldhuisen Dorothy Wiersema  6:30 JEREMY BENJAMIN CONCERT	18	19
20 Ember Van der Kroef  10:00 WORSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL	21	22	23  10:00 COFFEE BREAK	24 Benjamin Esselink	25	26 Dean Bethune
27 *Rudy & Marie Sinninghe (42nd)  10:00 WORSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL	28 Guy Arpin	29 Nico Kooistra	30 Elaine Mack DavisWielinga  10:00 COFFEE BREAK	31		