

South Carolina Synod, ELCA Mission and Vision

Mission Statement:

Equipping church leaders to develop impactful faith communities and disciples of Jesus.



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Synod

Vision Statement:

Every person in South Carolina experiences God's love and grace.

Core Values:

1. Living Faith in Jesus as our Cornerstone (I Peter 2:4-6)

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

2. Fostering opportunities for partnership among leaders and communities of faith (Romans 15:5-7)

⁵May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

3. Walking together in sacred trust as siblings in Christ. (Luke 24:28-32)

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

Ministry Result Areas (MRAs)

1. Rostered Ministers are growing in faith, equipped for their ministry contexts, and connected with colleagues.
2. Congregational/lay Leaders are trained for leading the church of today.
3. The Synod is actively collaborating with congregations to raise up new rostered leaders and lay leaders for the church.
4. Synod Council and Staff become more effective and impactful in their roles.

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