

# Grace Church

## Vision Statement

This Vision Statement of Grace is intended as a concise description of a preferable future for our particular church. That is, it is a picture of what we believe God is calling Grace to become. In doing this we do not forget our doctrinal distinctives. We affirm them as the foundation upon which we build this vision. Thus we stand with all Christian churches in affirming the Apostle's Creed and with Protestant and Reformed churches in affirming the teachings of the Westminster Confession of Faith. It is these doctrinal standards that inform our Christian world and life view. What do we believe God wants Grace to look like in the future?

### **Grace Vision Statement:**

Our vision of the future is that Grace Church is a church that sees its surrounding community as its most important mission field. It is a church that throughout that community *intentionally reaches across the lines of ethnicity and class* with the Gospel of Jesus Christ in both deed and word. It is a church that celebrates and demonstrates the power of the Gospel to break down the barriers of ethnicity and class thus demonstrating the reality of the gospel before a watching, unbelieving world. It is a church that, conforming to the Scripture as the only rule of faith and practice and following the example of the Apostle Paul, becomes all things to all people so as to reach them. It is a church that embraces the cultural strands of those it is seeking to reach, enriching itself and glorifying God as He weaves them together into a cultural fabric that reflects the variety and beauty of His image in all mankind. The attaining of this vision will be clearly seen in the corporate worship of God as people from every ethnic background and class come together in His presence.

From this vision we affirm the following as our purpose and mission:

### **Grace Purpose Statement:**

Grace Church exists to carry out the Great Commission by making disciples from *every ethnic background and class* in its surrounding community through deed and word, and by gathering them as *one* in the worship of God thereby celebrating and demonstrating the power of the Gospel to change lives and transform the world—spiritually, socially and culturally.

### **Grace Mission Statement:**

Our Mission is to love and serve our community and world with the good news of Jesus Christ, bringing people together across the lines of race and class to worship and follow Jesus.