

Proposed Mission and Vision Statement and Guiding Principles

Mission Statement:

“We strive to follow Jesus and love others through authentic community.”

Vision Statement:

“Hillside Community Church will live out Jesus’ life-changing message, seek to love our neighbors well, and develop authentic community where all people are welcome, worthy, and have a place.”

Guiding Principles:

We believe in **Living Out Jesus’ Life-Changing Message**, therefore we:

- Celebrate God’s amazing love for us through Jesus Christ
- Study and meditate on God’s word
- Apply God’s Word to every area of our lives
- Develop a culture of prayer

We believe in **Loving our Neighbors Well** therefore we:

- Pursue relationships with all our neighbors
- Build relationships by listening to, learning from, and meeting the needs of our neighbors
- Invite them to share in the salvation and hope we have in Jesus

We believe in **Authentic Community** therefore we:

- Point others to Jesus
- Gather regularly to worship God and grow in faith
- Encourage one another
- Bear one another’s burdens

We believe that **All People are Welcome, Worthy, and have a Place**, therefore we:

- Involve people of all ages in the service and participation in the life of the church
- Equip, encourage, and empower our young people
- Support and resource singles, couples, and families
- Value the gifts, wisdom, and faithfulness of mature believers
- Seek to break down barriers created by sin
- Welcome those who are seeking faith, new to faith, or mature in (their) faith