

Mission Values

We think it is important that Vision2020 is based on some clear values that we believe capture the essence of what it means to be the United Reformed Church.

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1. God's character is to show love and grace to every person and all creation. This is shown in God's mission.
2. God sent Jesus Christ whose words and actions are the best possible example of that love and grace.
3. Jesus inspires the Church to become a community of love and grace in the world today.
4. This will mean different things in different places but the Holy Spirit can help us to work out what God is doing in our own situation. The Bible can also guide us.
5. God doesn't depend on the Church to do mission. God can be found at work in all aspects of life in the wider world.
6. God's mission brings transformation to individuals and to communities. This comes as a result of talking about faith, sharing good news and hope and building relationships based on love and grace. It comes through worship. It comes as a result of service and action. It shows through how we live.
7. As we see in Jesus' death on the cross, God's mission is risky and costly. Spreading God's love involves standing up for justice and peace and being gracious means taking sides with people who are normally overlooked or despised.
8. Being transformed by God's mission doesn't mean everybody has to become like us. The challenge for the Church and for the wider world is to understand better what it means to be made in God's image.

The 10 statements of our mission and purpose and the mission values, together, provide an 'assembly framework' for the Vision2020 process which will inform and support local and synod mission activity.