



## **2015 Church Business Meeting Mission and Vision Review and Update**

### **Background:**

Informal discussions with church pastors, ministry leaders, and members has revealed there is strong support for the church Mission and the three key priorities of our Vision: a) Member are empowered through discipleship education, b) Building the kingdom of God, and c) Serving the local community. However, there is some uncertainty about our Vision. The common themes include:

- The church has not effectively gained unity or buy-in on the Vision.
- Some church leaders do not know how their ministry fits within the Vision.
- Our Vision is really a statement of church strategies/priorities.
- The church Vision should be vivid, inspiring, memorable, and preachable.

To gain better unity on Vision, the church board recommended the development of an overarching church Vision Statement, to be founded on the following criteria:

- It must be centered on God's plan for the church, and
- It must be a shared-vision, embraced by leadership and members alike.

### **Recommendation:**

After setting aside significant time for prayer and receiving feedback, the church board is unanimously recommending the following Vision Statement to the 2015 Church Business Meeting:

**To be a vibrant church of grace and compassion,  
preparing our community for Christ's return.**

This statement is meant to enhance, not replace, our focus on the previously approved priorities, stated above. The board is also recommends that the previous Vision, be identified as the Mission and Vision Strategic Implementation Plan.

## **Hinsdale Seventh-day Adventist Church**

The following mission and vision statements were approved at the July 14, 2013 Business Meeting  
(Added words in red are recommended and approved by the church board, June 22 and July 13, 2015)

### **MISSION STATEMENT:**

**Develop fully committed followers of Christ**

### **VISION STATEMENT:**

**To be a vibrant church of grace and compassion, preparing our community for Christ's return**

### **MISSION AND VISION STRATEGIC IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:**

- I. **MEMBERS EMPOWERED THROUGH DISCIPLESHIP EDUCATION.** By 2018, 70% of our attending members will be trained and equipped as authentic disciples.
  - A. **Leadership Development.**
    1. Position and Role Descriptions
    2. Recruitment
    3. Leadership Training for general and specific ministries
  - B. **Discipleship Training** from Cradle Roll through Adult.
    1. How to become a disciple of Jesus Christ?
    2. How to make and mentor a disciple?
    3. How to pray like a disciple?
  - C. **Discipleship Resource Center.** By 2018 our church will provide discipleship education resources. The materials and programs that we develop will be made available to other churches.
- II. **BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD.** By 2018, 70% of our attendees will be integrated into small groups and ministries.
  - A. **Small Groups.** A wide array of Small Groups for all ages will be offered. Here are some examples.
    1. Bible Study
    2. Project Oriented
    3. Community Focused
    4. Affinity Groups
    5. Sabbath School
    6. Disciple-Making
  - B. **Ministries:** Meaningful ministries that are:
    1. Spiritual Gift based
    2. Community focused
    3. Mission aligned
- III. **SERVING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY.** By 2018, 50% of our attendees will participate in serving our local and extended community. These activities will focus on meeting real community felt needs based on demographic data, out in the community. A wide variety of projects will be offered. The following are a few examples:
  - A. Hinsdale Community Services (HCS) and Hinsdale Community House needs
  - B. CHIP program
  - C. Hinsdale Hospital volunteer programs to include Chaplains
  - D. Hinsdale service projects and Christ focused awareness
  - E. 'Feed My Starving Children'
  - F. Serving Chicagoland and beyond