Transformational Mission

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The Arc of Mission

**Romans 1:11-13**
- Mutual encouragement
- Passing along spiritual gifts
- Faithfulness found in each other

The Mission of the Church
Trip vs. Mission
Short-term Mission
Long-term Mission
The Baptismal Covenant
Do you **believe** in...

...God the Father?

...Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

...God the Holy Spirit?
Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
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...God the Father?

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*Give your heart away*
Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

Show Up
Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*Pay Attention*
Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

Tell the Story
Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*Do the Work*
Give your heart away

Show Up

Pay Attention

Tell the Story

Do the Work
How Faith Develops

Bp. Gene Robinson’s interpretation of John Westerhoff’s theory of faith development as presented in *Will Our Children Have Faith*
Experienced Faith
Participatory Faith
Searching Faith
Owned Faith
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What motivates a person to grow and change?

➢ When confronted with situations or problems which are not satisfactorily resolved by the present style and old answers?

➢ When confronted by role models or persons who are acting more satisfactorily in an expanded style of faith.
The Wedge

Original work by the Rev. Don Kimball
Adapted by Dr. Lisa Kimball
J.H. Westerhoff, III Will Our Children Have Faith (1976)
Welcome  Community  Catechesis  Action

Ah ha!

Core Leadership
Continuum of Community Involvement & Social Change

The Charity to Justice Continuum
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Experienced
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Core Leadership
Faith is ... Experienced Welcome 
Mission is carried out ... Charity Service 

Participatory Community Catechesis Advocacy 
Searching Owned Action Justice
Welcome Catechesis Community Action Core Leadership

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