



Episcopal Diocese of Michigan RSVP  
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**MISSION STATEMENT**

*This is why we exist, our purpose.*

**We are growing joyfully in Christ, pursuing justice and loving and serving God in all persons.**

**CORE VALUES**

*This is what we are all about, who we are, what we offer as a Diocese, why we do what we do.*

**We are the youth, young adults, and ALL generations, working together as the Body of Christ:**

**Anglican/Episcopal Identity**

We live out our baptismal covenant connected with Anglicans and Episcopalians around the world.

**Evangelism on the Edges**

We are led by the Holy Spirit to places we have never been to witness the power of the Gospel.

**Lifelong Learning**

We educate and nurture ALL generations of God's people in the Episcopal tradition and faith.

**Prophetic Voice**

We follow Christ's example to speak truth to power, respecting the dignity of every human being.

**Welcome**

We share Christ's radical hospitality with all, inviting, including, and embracing the gifts and diversity God loves.

**VISION AREAS**

*This is the diocese we aim to become; a vivid word picture of our desired future state; large enough to challenge, clear enough to guide.*

**Representing ALL generations in the life of the church, particularly youth and young adults, we set these Vision Areas as our priorities:**

**Celebrating Anglican/Episcopal Identity:** Rooted in our rich heritage, we engage the world through vibrant worship, service to others and sharing and discovering stories of faith. We reflect our tradition's unique legacy, connecting our ancient faith to a modern, multicultural world.

**Congregational Development:** Our congregations are healthy and growing. The lay and clergy leaders are equipped and empowered to energize the ministry of all the baptized. We support our churches with vision, tools, technology and shared resources.

**One Church:** We live as one body, made up of many members sharing the work of the Kingdom of God. We build relationships and trust between members, supporting each other in all ministry areas.

**Social Justice and Outreach:** We are leaders in the systemic, relational and spiritual revitalization of Michigan, actively engaging our societies through shared interdenominational and community ministries. Focus areas include urban needs, racism, equality, economic development and at-risk youth.

**Vibrant Christian Formation:** Our multigenerational Christian education and spiritual formation programs equip all for discipleship, lay ministry and stewardship. We excel in expressing faith with our children, youth and young adults, encouraging and supporting their discernment. They are fully integrated into relevant ministries sparking their passion for Christ's Gospel.