



Discussion study

Vision & Mission

We're looking afresh at our vision and mission at Christ Church Stellenbosch and would appreciate your input and feedback on the council's recent reflection on this.

One writer defines vision as "the ability to clearly see and articulate where God wants us to go or what God wants us to do in a given situation". Whereas vision has to do with the future and where we believe God wants to take us, mission has to do with the present and how we believe God will get us there.

Historically Christ Church (formerly St Paul's) has drawn its vision and mission from key biblical texts expressing Paul's mission in Colossians 1:28 and Jesus' great commission in Matthew 28. Our proposed statements stand very much in continuity with these historic expressions.

Vision: To see all people renewed by the Lord Jesus Christ for the glory of God

Mission: Through God to proclaim Christ, warning and teaching all people with all wisdom, to present all mature in Christ



Read the Scriptures below

This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. – 1 Timothy 2:3-6

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation– 2 Corinthians 5:17-18

Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all. – Colossians 3:9-11

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." – Matthew 28:16-20

1. How would you summarize God's purposes from these texts?

2. What aspects of God's purposes does our proposed **vision statement** capture well? Which aspects does it not? Suggestions?



Read Colossian 1:24-29

Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

