

Faith-Fueled

What's the relationship between faith and Unidos South OC?

Being Faith-Fueled is one of the 4 aspects of our approach. We are Faith-Fueled, Neighborhood-Based, Data-Driven and Resident-led. Each of our five values are tied to scripture. ([Read more here](#))

We say “Our Faith is Our Fuel,” because we are motivated by the biblical principle that God is love and we, as made in God’s image, are to reflect that love into the world. Our guiding scripture comes from the words of Jesus in John 15:12, “My command is this: love one another as I have loved you.”

It is our faith in God as love that motivates and sustains our work. It is both our reason for existence and our encouragement to persevere through difficulty.

However, Unidos South OC is not a religious organization. We differ from religious organizations in several ways: We do not offer traditionally religious observances or sacraments. We do not seek conversion to a particular religious tradition. We do not choose sides in religious debates but stay central around our fuel: the faith that God is love. You can learn more about what this looks like in practice by reading our [Policy on Religious Respect](#)

Being Faith-Fueled is particularly relevant to three of our five values:

Dignity: All humans are made in God’s image and worthy of dignity, whether or not they share the same fuel as Unidos leadership.

Community: We are committed to honest relationships and meeting people where they are. Catholic background is common in our 96% Mexican-American neighborhood of focus, so we sometimes integrate prayer and basic truths of scripture into Unidos programming.

Diversity: We honor diversity in faith tradition among residents and partners, never requiring people to sacrifice who they are or hide their true self.
