

Proposed Mission, Vision, Values (Stirling Land Stewardship)

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A small group¹ convened to create a clear vision and set of values to undergird Stirling's conversations on the use of lands we steward (five houses around the church). We presented the proposed vision and values to Council on January 26 for congregation input. You can [offer feedback on this survey](#) (until Feb 3). Should the vision and values be well-received, we will propose adding a motion to the March Congregation meeting seeking their ratification before further discussion on how Stirling can move forward to fulfill the vision.

Mission

From "Living Justly & Peacefully" in Stirling's Households of Faith Statement:

"We respond to the call to live in right relationship with God, the earth, our neighbour, and each other. We will strive to embody God's reconciling love in our congregation and our households. We commit ourselves to be advocates of this reconciling love, witnessing in our community and our world to God's concern for peace and justice."

Vision

Therefore, we will use the land Stirling currently stewards to create inclusive, affordable, and environmentally sustainable housing that encourages community.

Values

Bold Collaborative Spirit

We value meaningful partnerships and shared decision-making, fostering relationships built on trust and mutual respect. We will call one another towards kingdom-minded risks as we need to.

Financial Stewardship

We commit to creating housing solutions that are financially sustainable, ensuring long-term affordability and viability. We will be at once ambitious and practical in considering solutions.

Honouring the Land and Its History

We respect and acknowledge the original inhabitants of this land. We commit to seeking input from Indigenous communities in the spirit of reconciliation and respect.

Environmental Responsibility

We will build housing that is ecologically sound, that reduces our impact on the earth, and promotes community well-being. We will not waver in our care for creation: the land, one another, and considering future generations.

Christ-like Love

And in all we do, we are inspired by the life of Jesus. We will serve all people with compassion, hospitality, and a deep commitment to justice and peace.

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