

## GO Vision and Values for 2020 and Beyond

Since at least 2015, SJD has been examining its goals and objectives for mission and outreach. Without exception the desire and the vision expressed has been to enable SJD to do GREAT THINGS by being surrendered to the leading of the Spirit in offering our internal gifts and resources more directly in service to others in our local community and the world.

As Christ's disciples we believe we are called, individually and corporately, to serve others, and that sacrificial service is an essential aspect of walking with Jesus and growing in spiritual maturity.

We want to offer multiple service opportunities, making them readily available to Church members so that they may build relationships with those we serve and with each other. We also want to provide education and training associated with service, so that everyone involved has information about best practices and current approaches to respectful, impactful service. Coordination and staff support are essential to building a wide variety of meaningful service opportunities.

We want to continue to send at least 10 % of church giving back to the community and the world. We want create relationships with each local organization we financially support that more directly involve our members; board memberships, consistent volunteer participation, integration of community service with our communal life, and application of our professional talents and services in support of external partners. We also want to continue to support organizations worldwide. Partnerships with international organizations will be different than those with local organizations, but should also be multi- faceted.

We have a long history of starting ministries with financial support and leadership from parishioners. We want to continue the tradition of being an incubator for new outreach ministries and programs. We want to find ways to develop new relationships and collaborate with existing community organizations that could produce a meaningful impact on a community or group. We want to be open to God's call to the possibility of new community initiatives that have the potential to enhance our relationship with the community and to produce positive impactful change in the lives of our neighbors.

We want to be able to respond to crisis moments or urgent needs—such as hurricanes or public health emergencies.

We want service and celebration of that service to be fully integrated into our culture, including lay testimonials during services, corporate prayers that speak to engagement and service with local and world partners, and special events that allow us to highlight how God is using SJD in service to others.

This vision is built on the values collectively expressed and desired by many. The vision is significant and must be planned and executed over time with much prayer and dedication by our community. With God all things are possible.