

Love Streatham Vision and Values Statement

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- showing *God's love throughout Streatham*

A. Core values shared by the participating churches

- historical Christian Trinitarian orthodoxy as expressed in their historic creeds
- Jesus' summary of the Commandments, to love God supremely and others as ourselves (Matt.22:37-39; Mark 12:29-31)
- Jesus' Great Commission (Matt.28:18-20) to make disciples by teaching, baptising and establishing men, women and children in his truth
- Jesus' manifesto for mission (Luke 4:18-19) continued under the direction and power of the Holy Spirit by his people, the church in Streatham, for the benefit of the local community

B. The vision

- a 'one church, many congregations' expression of the life and ministry of the one Bride and Body of Christ in Streatham
- taking up our mission to Streatham and its people in the light of Jesus' manifesto for mission.

C. The values we share

- above all, we value an ongoing, growing, personal relationship with Jesus Christ
- we value the Bible as the Word of God, our final authority of faith and practice
- we value giving God all the glory with no self-promotion or self-seeking
- we value powerful works of God's grace in our communities

- we value remaining totally submissive to the Holy Spirit at all times and in all decision making, respecting at all times the uniqueness and validity of what God is doing in every part of the Body of Christ
- we value Christ-like leadership characterised by humility, a servant's spirit, courageous vision, evidenced by transparency, vulnerability and accountability
- we value the unity (as opposed uniformity) and health of the whole Body of Christ
- we value the existing ministries of local church leaders and congregations and seek to resource and encourage those consistent with the Love Streatham vision.
- we value all members of the Body of Christ regardless of their race, culture, gender, generation, or gifting
- we value the importance of repentance and reconciliation being evident among church leaders and the entire Body of Christ
- we value relationships which transcend organisational structure
- we value a long-term, sustainable movement more than isolated events
- we value corporate, Streatham -wide, worship and prayer as well as congregational and private prayer and worship
- we value the identification, establishment and development of a local leadership team to realise the vision.
- we value personal and corporate renewal/revival, evangelism/mission, and the transformation of our community
- we value a holistic approach to outreach, as demonstrated in Christ's own ministry.
- We value the importance of all people before a loving God who created humankind and seek to share the love of God with all to whom we minister

D. Desirable outcomes

- deepening trust between leaders
- increase in health and growth of congregations
- accountability
- increasing love and co-operation between congregations
- ability to respond with one voice to local issues and crises
- shared ownership of a vision to impact Streatham with the gospel of the Kingdom