

## Mission Statement

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### Mission

*"Living and Sharing the Gospel"*

**Grace Communion International (GCI) is committed to living and sharing the good news of what God has done through Jesus Christ.**

The church seeks to fulfil this mission by:

- **Building healthy, Christ-centred congregations** that are sanctuaries of worship, friendship, and nurturing pastoral care.
- **Providing sound biblical teaching** through congregations, media, and personal outreach in relevant, meaningful forms for people of diverse backgrounds and ages.
- **Expressing the love of God** to all through the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.
- **Equipping people for Christian service** so that the gospel can be known, understood, and experienced.
- **Sharing in the work of the gospel with the broader Christian community**, acknowledging that we can learn from one another and that Christ's love goes beyond denominational boundaries.

### Summary of Our Christian Faith

We believe:

- There is one God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- God the Father made all things through the Son, sent the Son for our salvation, and gives us the Holy Spirit.
- The Son of God, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour, was born of the virgin Mary, fully God and fully human, and is the perfect revelation of the Father and the perfect representative of humanity. He suffered and died on the cross for all human sin, was raised bodily on the third day, and ascended to heaven. Standing in for all humanity before the Father, Jesus Christ provides the perfect human response to God. Since he died for all, all died in him, and all will be made alive in him.
- The Holy Spirit brings sinners to repentance and faith, assures believers of their

forgiveness and acceptance as God's dearly loved children and works in them to conform them to the image of Jesus Christ.

- The Bible is the inspired and infallible Word of God that testifies to Jesus Christ. The Bible is fully authoritative for all matters of faith and salvation.
- Salvation comes only by God's grace and not by works, and it is experienced through faith in Jesus Christ. Christians respond to the joy of salvation when they gather in regular fellowship and live godly lives in Jesus Christ.
- We look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the age to come.

**Reflecting the above mission, our key goals may be summarised as:**

### **To Build the Church**

*(Ephesians 4:1-16; Matthew 28:19-20)*

- Through developing healthy local congregations focused on Jesus Christ
- Through discipleship and spiritual formation, worship and pastoral care
- Through the equipping of the saints for ministry

### **To Grow the Church**

*(Matthew 28:18-20, Luke 24:46-47)*

- By preaching the Gospel, with healthy local congregations as the primary vehicles to do so
- By knowing God, and making him known
- By sharing the love of God and making disciples

# Values

*“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and love your neighbour as yourself.”*

This statement of values clarifies the attitudes and approaches that will be encouraged in all aspects of life and ministry in Grace Communion International. We seek to do all for the edification of the Body and to the glory of God.

- We value a personal and denominational commitment to Jesus Christ, our Lord, Saviour, friend, and head of the church. Full devotion to Jesus Christ, resulting in authentic Christian living and a desire for growth and learning, is the result of discipleship.
- We value the Word of God as the inspired foundation of Christian faith and practice.
- We value the continual leading and transformation of the Holy Spirit, realising that spiritual growth and sanctification involve repentance and change, and the healthy exercise of spiritual disciplines.
- We value prayer, both individual and corporate, as a determining characteristic of the life of the fellowship.
- We value grace as the basis of our theology and hence our practice, emphasising Christian liberty and responsibility.
- We value thanksgiving, joyful living, loving fellowship, and the celebration of the gospel, as we have been included in the communion of the Father, Son and Spirit.
- We value the importance of biblically based teaching and worship in the life of the believer and the fellowship.
- We value creativity and beauty in all God has given to us, including in the gifts of language, music, the arts, and sciences.
- We value godly servant leadership that equips people to find and use their spiritual gifting. We are committed to a team model of ministry that empowers every member to minister as a part of the priesthood of believers.
- We value responsible stewardship of spiritual gifts, time, skills, abilities, money and resources, and the care and nurture of the natural environment.
- We value the role of small groups in nurturing spiritual growth.
- We value loving, caring, grace-oriented relationships in the life of the fellowship.
- We value the sanctity and importance of the family.
- We value unity in our fellowship, and within the broader Body of Christ, celebrating and embracing differences in age, gender, race, culture, and personality.
- We value excellence – the best use of the available resources – believing that it honours God and inspires people.
- We value and encourage the highest standards of ethical behaviour in our collective and interpersonal conduct, including integrity, morality, respect, justice, accountability, commitment and loyalty.
- We value openness to growth, both qualitative and quantitative.
- We value love for all humanity, expressed in kindness, care, service, outreach and evangelism. The church exists as the Body of Christ in and to the world, to glorify God and to share the good news of the gospel in words and in life.