

Guiding Principles of the RLC Board

MISSION PRINCIPLES

Our Mission is to **help people know Jesus Christ ...**

by making disciples, helping disciples grow, and sending disciples out into the world with the Good News.

I. Making Disciples

A. Who: People of all ages who are outside of the faith, far from God, or far from His Church:

1. Infants & babies
2. Children
- 3.. Teens
- 4.. Adults (young, middle age, older)
- 5.. Yyoung families (nuclear, blended, single-parent, remarried)
6. Non-traditional families (co-habiting, homosexual)
7. Singles
8. Separated or divorced
- 9.. Those who are hurting or in need

B. What:

1. become baptized believers in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord
2. become connected to the family of believers at RLC

C. To What Extent:

1. To begin a personal relationship with Christ
2. To begin a life of faith in the body of Christ at RLC

II. Growing Disciples

A. Who: Members and friends who are committed to Christ and His church and call RLC their church home.

B. What: Grow in faith as life-long learners and followers of Jesus Christ.

C. To What Extent: through the God-given means of:

1. Regular word and sacrament worship.
2. An active personal devotional life of prayer and Bible reading.
3. Regular study of God's word through Bible study and small group participation.
4. Cheerfully giving of their time, talent & treasure to the work of the Lord through RLC.
5. Witnessing to Jesus Christ, at home, school, work & places of leisure.
6. Caring for widows & orphans of our church family.
7. Serving others in the name of Christ.
8. Participation in fellowship with other Christians
9. Direct or indirect involvement in sending disciples with the Good News.

III. Sending Disciples

- A. Who: Members and friends who are committed to Christ and His church and call RLC their church home.

- B. What - A: Bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to others personally

- C. To What Extent:
 - 1. To their families
 - 2. To their friends and acquaintances
 - 3. To the local community
 - 4. To various parts of our country
 - 5. Outside of the country
 - 6. By furthering their own education and seeking service to the Lord in professional church work (ex: becoming a missionary, deacon, pastor, denominational teacher, etc.)

- D. What - B: Provide financial and prayerful support for those from RLC or our denomination who take the Good News of Jesus Christ to others

- E. To What Extent:
 - 1. To the local community
 - 2. To various parts of our country
 - 3. Outside of the country
 - 4. Through further education and seeking service to the Lord in professional church work (ie: becoming a missionary, deacon, pastor, denominational teacher, etc.)