



H2O WRIGHT STATE PRINCIPLES

We affirm the Bible as the authoritative word of God and, with the Holy Spirit's inspiration, the absolute reference point for every aspect of life and ministry. Based upon God's word, who He is, and His initiative of salvation through the atoning work of Jesus (His life, death, burial, and resurrection), the following responses are strongly emphasized in at h2o Wright State:

WORSHIP: We are called to praise and worship God alone.

HOLINESS: Set apart to holiness; living a life of righteousness, loving Jesus, the lost, and each other.

WITNESS: We are called to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with those who do not know Him.

PRAYER: We are called to engage in intercessory prayer for the people and causes on God's heart, including standing against evil in every form.

FELLOWSHIP: We are called to commit to the Church in both its local nurturing expression and its mobile multiplying expression.

The foundational of our h2o principles are an expression of our basic beliefs coupled with specific directives given by God for both the past and future growth of the churches mission. Some are common to all Christians everywhere; others are distinct to both us and our partners, but these beliefs and values make up the unique family characteristics of h2o Wright State — our "DNA." They are values we hold in high regard, which determine who we are, how we live and how we make decisions.

1. KNOW GOD

h2o is committed to know God, His nature, His character and His ways. We seek to reflect who He is in every aspect of our lives and ministry. The automatic overflow of knowing and enjoying fellowship with God is a desire to share Him with others.

2. MAKE GOD KNOWN

h2o is called to make God known throughout the whole world, and into every arena of society through evangelism, training and mercy ministries. We believe that salvation of souls should result in transformation of societies, thus obeying Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations.

3. PRACTICE WORSHIP AND INTERCESSORY PRAYER

h2o is dedicated to worship Jesus and engage in intercessory prayer as integral aspects of daily life. We also recognize the intent of Satan to destroy the work of God and we call upon God's power and the Holy Spirit to overcome his strategies in the lives of individuals and in the affairs of nations.

4. CHAMPION YOUNG PEOPLE

h2o is a community church but campus focused. We believe God has gifted and called young people to spearhead vision and ministry. We are committed to value them, trust them, train them, support them, make space for them and release them. They are not only the Church of the future; they are the Church of today. We commit to follow where they lead, in the will of God.

5. BE INTERNATIONAL AND INTERDENOMINATIONAL

h2o believes that ethnic, linguistic and denominational diversity, along with redeemed aspects of culture, are positive factors that contribute to the health and growth of the mission.

6. HAVE A BIBLICAL CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW

h2o is called to a biblical Christian worldview. We believe that the Bible makes a clear division between good and evil; right and wrong. The practical dimensions of life are no less spiritual than the ministry expressions. Everything done in obedience to God is spiritual. We seek to honor God with all that we do, equipping and mobilizing men and women of God to take roles of service and influence in every arena of society.

7. FUNCTION IN TEAMS AND SMALL GROUPS

h2o is called to function in teams and small groups in all aspects of ministry and leadership. We believe that a combination of complementary gifts, callings, perspectives, ministries and generations working together in unity at all levels of our mission provides wisdom and safety. Seeking God's will and making decisions in a team context allows accountability and contributes to greater relationship, motivation, responsibility and ownership of the vision.

8. EXHIBIT SERVANT LEADERSHIP

h2o is called to servant leadership as a lifestyle, rather than a leadership hierarchy. A servant leader is one who honors the gifts and callings of those under his/her care and guards their rights and privileges. Just as Jesus served His disciples, we stress the importance of those with leadership responsibilities serving those whom they lead.

10. VALUE THE INDIVIDUAL

h2o is called to value each individual. We believe in equal opportunity and justice for all. Created in the image of God, people of all nationalities, ages and functions have distinctive contributions and callings. We are committed to honoring God-given leadership and ministry gifts in both men and women.

11. VALUE FAMILIES

h2o affirms the importance of families serving God together in church, ministry, and missions, not just the father and/or mother. We encourage the development of strong and healthy family units, with each member sharing the call to follow God and contributing their gifts in unique and complementary ways.

12. PRACTICE DEPENDENCE ON GOD

h2o is called to practice a life of dependence upon God for financial provision. For staff and the h2o church network this comes primarily through His people. As God has been generous toward us, so we desire to be generous. h2o church gives themselves, their time and talents to God through the work and mission of Christ with no expectation of remuneration.

13. PRACTICE HOSPITALITY

h2o affirms the ministry of hospitality as an expression of God's character and the value of people. We believe it is important to open our hearts, homes and church to serve and honor one another, our guests and the poor and needy, not as acts of social protocol, but as expressions of generosity.

14. COMMUNICATE WITH INTEGRITY

h2o affirms that everything exists because God communicates. Therefore, h2o is committed to truthful, accurate, timely and relevant communication. We believe good communication is essential for strong relationships, healthy families and communities, and effective ministry.

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