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### **Vivid Description**

Our Core Values are the essence of who we are as a congregation. These are non-negotiable for who we are called to be. St. Peter’s 2020 Vision is a view of what the future will look like in the year 2020 to fulfill our Purpose while living out our Core Values.

Led by the Spirit, in the year 2020, “The People of St. Peter’s will reflect the heart of God.” This is lived out by all who consider St. Peter’s their church home, who are on the St. Peter’s staff, and who are students of our school. (Home is a place of safety, security, acceptance, warmth, being yourself, etc.)

### **By Walking Alongside of One Another**

The People of St. Peter’s will:

- Experience a meaningful relationship with God.
- Be confident that their church/school cares for them and treats them with love and respect. No one from St. Peter’s will be without food or shelter.
- Have at least one person or group of people with whom they can grow in their relationship with God and share their life journey.
- Be building meaningful relationships with someone who does not yet know God.
- Be confident they are valued, appreciated, supported and treated with love by the staff member or ministry leader with whom they serve.
- Be participating in an intentional process to grow as disciples of Jesus.

### **By Demonstrating the Heart of a Disciple**

The heart of a disciple is demonstrated by our 12 Declaration Statements:

- 1) I am a dearly loved and forgiven child of God. (1 John 3:1)
- 2) I will put God first in all things today. (Matthew 10:37)
- 3) I will trust God in all things today. (Psalm 32:10b)
- 4) I will act in love toward all people today. (James 2:1)
- 5) I will not be judgmental or condemning of anyone today. (Matthew 7:2)
- 6) I will act or speak on behalf of the weak, the oppressed, the ignored, the defenseless, and the voiceless today. (Proverbs 31:8)
- 7) I will be generous today. (Luke 6:30)
- 8) I will not boast about myself today. (Matthew 6:1)
- 9) I am willing to endure persecution related to my faith today. (John 15:21)
- 10) I will forgive all who wrong me today. (Ephesians 4:32b)
- 11) I will be reconciled with all with whom I am at odds today. (Matthew 5:23-24)
- 12) I will be a conduit through whom Jesus touches others today. (John 7:38, Ezekiel 47:1-2)

## **By Reaching Beyond Our Campus**

In response to the Great Commission:

- By 2020, we have made a decision about a satellite ministry located in the Columbus area.
- We are assisting annually with the formation and equipping of church workers: vicar program, working with 1st year seminary students, and working with the Pastoral Leadership Institute.
- We are seeing the transformation of lives and the exponential growth of God's Kingdom through partnerships around the world. (i.e. India and Guatemala).

## **With a Personalized Approach**

All ministries will have a personalized approach:

- All who appear to be unconnected, appear to be in the process of becoming unconnected, or are vulnerable to becoming unconnected from active involvement (worship, life group, serving, giving, etc.) are being reached out to, listened to and cared for, for as long as it takes until they are reconnected.
- All who are experiencing significant turbulence in their lives or in the lives of their loved ones (addiction, incarceration, divorce, serious illness, death, unemployment, homelessness, life transitions, hunger, etc.) have someone to walk alongside them, love them unconditionally, and assist them in finding appropriate support/treatment/care, and will receive "follow up" care for as long as needed.

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