WHOLEHEARTEDNESS IN OUR VOCATIONS









CALLED TO CHURCH

Vocation of Church:

God calling a diverse community of disciples together into a church in order to love God and love others

God calls a diverse community of disciples together to share in Jesus and His Spirit

For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body - whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free - and we were all given one Spirit to drink.

1 Corinthians 12:13 God is faithful; you were called by him into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

l Corinthians 1:9

Koinonia

To the church of God at Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called as saints, with all those in every place who call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord - both their Lord and ours.

l Corinthians 1:2

Instead, God has put the body together...

1 Corinthians 12:24

Ekklesia

In true community we do not choose our companions, we receive them as a gift; we cannot sort, select, or assemble our kind of people, they come to us by grace. Likeness eliminates challenge; uniformity reduces growth; sameness frustrates creativity.

David Augsburger

The church is the body of Christ

The Holy Spirit empowers the church with gifts for building itself up in love & service

Spirituals, or spiritual gifts, are diverse expressions of God's presence and power, given freely by the Holy Spirit to empower and build up Christ's body for the sake of the world.

CHALLENGES TO OUR CHURCH VOCATION

REDEEMING CHURCH

Death of the Wish Dream

Anyone who loves a dream of community more than the Christian community itself (warts and all) becomes a destroyer of the latter even though the devotion to the former is faultless and the intentions may be ever so honest, earnest and sacrificial.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Rediscovering Our Calling Through Attunement

Rediscovering Our Calling Through Serving