

Kamloops Okanagan Presbytery

Mission Statement

To have healthy and vital congregations which call and nurture people to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

In support of our mission statement we acknowledge and share the BC Conference Goals:

1. Healthy congregations and ministries
2. Effective leadership
3. Faithful public witness.

Beliefs, Values & Assumptions

1. That all Christians are called into discipleship.
2. That discipleship is a life long journey.
3. That discipleship includes learning, following, serving, and seeking justice and peace as well as individual spiritual nurture.
4. That discipleship involves regular, spiritual practices including worship, prayer, scripture reading and generous giving.
5. That involvement in an intentional Christian community is part of discipleship.
6. That healthy and vital congregations foster faithful discipleship which, in turn, contributes to the health and vitality of congregations.
7. That despite Christological differences, disciples believe that Jesus is teacher and guide for our living and revelation of God.

Assumptions about Presbytery

1. That Presbytery, as a worshipping community, contributes to the well being of the whole church.
2. That Presbytery needs to model the health it desires for congregations.
3. That Presbytery respects theological and cultural differences.
4. That conflict is part of life and tends to be healthy when engaged in a respectful manner, thus not be feared or avoided.
4. That in a healthy presbytery, all members have a voice and an opportunity to influence decisions.
5. That Presbytery exists primarily for the good of congregations (including non-pastoral charge ministries such as camps) and ministry personnel.
6. That the Presbytery mission statement gives grounding, purpose and inspiration for the carrying out of Presbytery responsibilities as defined in the Manual