

Together, following Jesus in all areas of life, every day of the week.

VISION STATEMENTS

These are concrete statements about what kind of church we want to be and grow into. They are not theological or faith statements, and they are incomplete without our values. The vision statements are here to challenge us, to help us keep growing and keep dreaming.

WHOLE LIFE DISCIPLESHIP

Jesus is Lord of our whole life - and often challenges us to go out of our comfort zones. We want to follow all of Jesus' teaching and not only what we pick and choose. Being a disciple will often mean being counter-cultural, as we choose faithfulness to Christ over ideas such as materialism and individualism.

RADICAL HOSPITALITY

When someone walks into a group of OiC people, we want them to be and feel embraced by the welcoming and loving atmosphere. Whether it's at the Sunday Service, at a growth group or wherever we happen to be, we want people to know and feel that they are not alone and that they are seen. In such a fellowship we welcome one another into each other's lives, and seek to practice forgiveness and reconciliation, humility and hospitality in all our relationships.

CHURCH 7 DAYS A WEEK

It's not about coming to church everyday, but about being Church always and everywhere. We are following Jesus, being His disciples with our whole lives, whether we are at home, at school, at work or joining an OiC program. As brothers and sisters in Christ we are following Him together. Therefore we take an active part in one another's lives, sharing encouragement and comfort, joy and sorrow, laughter and tears.

CHURCH AS FAMILY

When we call each other brothers and sisters, it is more than a manner of speaking. In Christ we are born again through the same Spirit to become sons and daughters of the same Father. Whether we are close or far from our biological families, OiC is family in Christ. We seek to be an intimate community with honest relationships, encouraging, challenging and supporting one another to live in Christ and grow in Christlikeness.

BEING MISSIONAL

The Gospel is good news, and it's good news for everyone. We don't want to limit our friendships to our own, but be proactive in meeting people with love and inviting those who have not yet come into the Kingdom to believe, receive and follow Jesus. We also support those who are active in proclaiming God's Kingdom throughout the world.

There are people in Oslo, in our very city, that come from people groups and places where the gospel has not yet come or is strongly resisted. We dream of being a church that will also reach out to these groups.

Part of being missional is also to be engaged in intercession. We don't want to just focus on the things close to us, but to care about things going on throughout the whole world and creation and in all spheres of society.

REFLECTING THE MULTICULTURAL KINGDOM OF GOD

When Jesus returns, he will gather His people from all the corners of the Earth. We want to be a foretaste of this, and thus a testimony of the Kingdom of God. We want to practice unity in diversity and love despite of differences. To be a community full of peace and love such as we will experience perfectly in the new heaven and new earth.

BUILDING BRIDGES

We seek to build bridges between Norwegians and people from other ethnic groups in Oslo, so that these may be welcomed and integrate easier. We believe that multiculturalism can enrich instead of bringing conflict. We want to both be and inspire how to be a healthy multicultural fellowship, so that more Christian congregations in Oslo will take the multicultural reality seriously by including people of different ethnic backgrounds into their fellowships.

A SENDING COMMUNITY

In OiC, people both come from and go to many different places in the world. When they go, we don't want them to go alone and unchanged. We want to grow in love, fellowship and Christlikeness together, so that every going is a sending. Wherever they are, we'll be together in living and proclaiming the Kingdom of the Risen Lord.

ACTIVE IN SERVING

A body is healthy when all its parts and organs receive proper nutrition, fulfill their tasks and are ready for action. That's how we want OiC to be. A living body where everyone receives nutrition of the Word, is empowered by the Holy Spirit, and is active in serving. Every believer is gifted by the Holy Spirit, and we want to figure out our gifts and how to use them to strengthen the Body of Christ and join in its mission. We believe there is joy in serving.

PASSIONATE, CREATIVE AND ARTISTIC

God is passionate and creative, and we are made in His image and likeness. We don't want OiC to be a lifeless machine, but a thriving community. We strive to be passionate, creative and innovative in our community, bringing in new impulse and ideas as well as evaluating and renewing our ways in the power of the Spirit and in light of the Scriptures.

We encourage and value artistic expression and believe that the Spirit can inspire us in our creativity to bring forth beauty, contemplation and reflection that will bring glory to God.