

College Heights SDA Church Mission & Vision

Voted at the Church Business Meeting, February 12, 2018

Because of the saving love of Christ...

OUR MISSION is to make disciples who act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with their God.

OUR VISION is to be a community of courageous, caring Christians who are living out our dynamic faith in anticipation of Christ's return.

OUR CORE VALUES

Vibrant Faith: Devoting ourselves to God and His Word.

Authentic Community: Loving each other as Christ loves us.

Selfless Service: Sharing God's hope and wholeness in our community.

OUR VISION STATEMENTS

A. Our Fellowship

1. We envision a Christ-centered, grace-oriented, inclusive Seventh-day Adventist Church.
2. We envision our church being a safe place where all people are welcomed, loved and accepted.
3. We envision a thriving, diverse, multicultural church family.
4. We envision our church having with a strong commitment to intergenerational worship, fellowship, and ministry
5. We envision a church that is sensitive to the needs of our seniors.
6. We envision strong connections between students, staff, faculty, and other church members, which are enhanced by open and honest dialogue and fellowship, often around food.
7. We envision many inactive and former church members returning to Christ and healthy church fellowship.
8. We envision the people of Lacombe accurately describing the College Heights Church members as accepting, loving, caring, friendly, compassionate, non-judgmental, kind, helpful, generous, Christlike and involved in the community.

B. Our Worship

1. We envision our church being a house of prayer where many are coming to faith and lives are being transformed.
2. We envision multiple worship experiences characterized by inspiring music, relevant Biblical messages, creative expression, generous giving, and a strong sense of the presence of God.
3. We envision an informal worship option planned and led by students.
4. We envision students of all ages eagerly engaging in worship each Sabbath, and being actively mentored.

C. Our Discipleship

1. We envision our members making friends in the community.
2. We envision a robust network of small groups, in which church members are experiencing

authentic biblical community, and many of our friends are receiving Jesus Christ as their Forgiver and Leader.

3. We envision ongoing excellence in discipleship programming for children and youth on Sabbaths and throughout the week.
4. We envision the creation of a clear discipleship track to help our church members mature in Christ and passionately live out their faith.
5. We envision a dynamic church planting movement as graduates and College Heights Church members are trained and sent out to launch new churches and reach many for Christ.
6. We envision a strong partnership with our schools, in which new generations of missional Christ-followers are equipped, empowered, and sent out to serve the world.

Our Ministries

1. We envision a serving church where all members are engaged in ministry.
2. We envision a health ministry in which people are finding hope, healing, and wholeness in Christ.
3. We envision an active media ministry.
4. We envision our church engaged in social justice.

OUR GOALS

1. To include at least half of our active church members in face-to face small groups by the end of 2018.
2. To engage at least half of our active church members in ministry in the community by the end of 2018.
3. To inspire the members of our congregation to faithfully return tithe and offerings.
4. To raise up leaders to initiate new ministries and enhance existing ministries, with every leader mentoring new leaders.
5. To reconnect and reengage former and inactive Adventists.
6. To create a robust network of house churches under the umbrella of the College Heights Church.
7. To gain access to a fellowship hall with an adequate kitchen facility.
8. To move our Sabbath School lesson study in the direction of small groups.
9. To intentionally reach unchurched people by redesigning our second service as a seeker sensitive service and conducting annual evangelistic outreach events.
10. To launch a Christ-centered 12-step addiction recovery program by the end of 2018.
11. To provide the opportunity and resources for students to create a meaningful worship option in addition to our regular Sabbath morning services by the fall of 2018.
12. To grow our average worship attendance to at least 1,000 by December 31, 2022.