

## Values for Zion Mennonite Church 2013 and Beyond

### **Values expressed by the Zion congregation that will inform our future planning:**

(Adapted from priorities for the Lead Pastor, Vision 20/20)

- 1. A strong commitment to a Mennonite/Anabaptist perspective on faith:** A commitment to maintain *Jesus as the center of our faith*. This means *discipling in the way of Christ*, encouraging the spiritual disciplines, seeking peace and justice and pursuing it, and fostering a broad world view that reaches beyond the walls of Zion Mennonite Church.
- 2. A sincere desire to cultivate a missional imagination and invite cultural change:** A commitment to cultivating an environment that inspires hope, seeks to innovate, and that releases the missional imagination (Tend God's mission, Tend the Soul, Tend Community) of God's people to *share the good news of Jesus Christ in word and deed*.
- 3. A firm commitment to being a multi-generational congregation:** A desire for all generations to be valued, welcomed, and integrated into Zion's worship and congregational life.
- 4. A desire for healthy and authentic communication both, between leadership and congregation, and within the congregation:** The use of practical and effective language that connects with a variety of people. Biblical teaching and preaching that includes story-telling and practical lessons for daily living. A priority will be placed on *cultivating Christ-centered unity and learning to agree and disagree in love*.
- 5. A safe and welcoming environment where all feel welcomed and valued:** *Authentic Christian Community is the center of our lives*. We seek to cultivate a vibrant, joyful, and grace-filled space where all people are authentically engaged and challenged to joyfully follow Jesus.