

TRANSFORMED AND TRANSFORMING

Radically Following Christ in Mission Together

Being led by the Holy Spirit, serving with each other, engaging our diverse world and striving for a multicultural future freed from racism and working with all the partners that God provides, as we move toward a fifth century of mission and ministry, the Reformed Church in America commits to focus its efforts for the next fifteen years on the following three interconnected strategic priorities:

1) Cultivating Transformation in Christ

(John 15; Deut. 6:4-9; 1 Cor. 3:6-8; Rom. 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 3:18; Matt. 22:34-40; Luke 6:40; Acts 2:42-47; 2 Cor. 5:17-18; Matt. 28:18-20; Eph. 4:16; Gal. 3:28)

- Increasing our personal and corporate intimacy with God, emphasizing prayer and worship.
- Opening ourselves humbly to deep change under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- Developing passionate disciples filled with the Holy Spirit and the truth of the Word who effectively make followers of Jesus who live and love like him.
- Loving and embracing all people inside and outside of ARC's ministry.
- Building intentional intergenerational discipling relationships.
- Engaging change conflict in healthy and redemptive ways.
- Disciple for heart transformation rather than behavior modification or sin management.
- Promote small groups within ARC as laboratories of grace and truth communities.

2) Equipping Emerging Leaders of Today and Tomorrow

(Deut. 6:4-9; Luke 9:48; Eph. 2:10; Eph. 4:11-12; 2 Tim. 2:2; Proverbs 22:6)

- Increasing the awareness that God is calling youth and young adults to become spiritual leaders.
- Developing youth intentionally for family, missional, congregational, and pastoral leadership.
- Mobilizing emerging leaders for service as ambassadors of reconciliation and fishers of men in the church and around the world.
- Preparing diverse and healthy leaders of all ages for fruitful ministry in diverse environments.
- Embracing our responsibility to be good stewards of all gifts of grace.
- Resource and train parents to develop a discipleship vision and plan for their families.
- Develop disciples who are excited and intentional about "preparing the way" for the second coming of Christ.

3) Engaging in Christ's Kingdom Mission

(Luke 4:18-19; Acts 1:8; Luke 10:25-37; Matt. 28:18-20; Matt. 14:14; Micah 6:8; Matt. 13:44; Matt. 9:37; Acts 2:42-47; Rev. 7:9-12; Isa. 61:1-4)

- Contextualizing ministry in new and expanded ways.
- Prioritizing youth involvement in missional ministry.
- Serving as agents of renewal through putting our faith in action.
- Promoting justice, compassion, and reconciliation.
- Expanding mission that is both local and global with equal passion and commitment.
- Embracing our mission to the world and sharing the good news of the gospel with everyone.
- Multiplying missional communities and new ministries that put the love of Christ into action.
- Equipping and empowering each member of ARC to see themselves as a missionary to their circle of influence.

Note: The underlined bullet points are additional areas of focus particular to ARC.