

Goals

***** Ultimate Goal: The Glory of God *****

Christians should set all of their goals, institutional and individual in terms of how they relate to the ultimate goal, which is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever. Believers most directly fulfill this ultimate goal in corporate and individual worship as they ascribe to Him glory and honor in their praise and adoration.

In addition, Christian service in the form of good works can also count as worship (Romans 12:1; Hebrews 13:16), when offered to the Lord from a sincere heart (Colossians 3:23).

Acts of service involve *proximate* goals, or goals that *lead to* the ultimate goal of God's glory. We find the Church's major God-given proximate goal in the Great Commission.

***** Proximate Goal: The Great Commission *****

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. (Mark 16:15)

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen. (Matthew 28:18-20)

Notice that the Great Commission imparts a global vision – disciple the nations – but that its fulfillment requires local application. You can see this in the book of Acts, where Jesus tells His disciples, “You shall be witnesses to Me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and to the uttermost part of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

The disciples fulfilled this by preaching the Gospel and founding churches in villages, towns and cities beginning in Jerusalem and fanning out into the wider world. The Reading Development Ministry of Unity Presbyterian Church represents just one local application of the Great Commission.

***** Proximate Goal: The Local Application *****

The Gospel and Scriptural teaching are integrated into the instructional materials, creating an atmosphere conducive to personal witness.

It is in light of this hierarchy of goals that Unity's Reading Development Ministry seeks to carry out its mission.

Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Reading Development Ministry of Unity Presbyterian Church to serve our neighbors in the name of Jesus Christ by means of literacy instruction, which integrates the following elements:

1. Encourage students to read and understand God's Word, the Bible;
2. Introduce students to the Savior through Gospel words backed up by Gospel deeds.