



VISION AND IDENTITY

The Presbytery of East Iowa seeks to be a community in which God in Christ is present in our relationships, and the Spirit is apparent in our actions of welcome, hospitality, witness, leadership and service.

CORE VALUES

- TRUST:** Reflecting who God calls us to be, we commit ourselves to one another through transparent actions that keep faith with one another
- ACCEPTANCE:** Appreciating the gifts and perspectives of everyone, but particularly those whose thoughts, preferences, and approaches differ from ours
- COMMUNITY:** Fostering connections in the communities in which we are located, in the ecumenical church, and in cultures around the globe to share God's love in concrete actions of ministry and mission
- COLLABORATION:** Thinking, conversing, worshipping, discerning, and working together for the common good
- IMAGINATION:** Dreaming together of new areas of service, new ways to relate, and new dimensions of our collective identity as the body of Christ
- ENERGY:** Displaying the vitality and passion of the Holy Spirit in our worship and our endeavors as servant leaders
- JUSTICE:** Recognizing that God's creation includes fellow humans of all races, ethnicities, genders, classes, and stages of life, we minister beyond Presbytery boundaries to ensure justice for all people.

PRIORITIES

Our Vision, Identity, and Core Values lead us to prioritize the following dimensions of our lives together:

Congregational Vitality

Equipping congregations with resources and strategies that will enable them to effectively share God's love in the world and joyfully live out the Gospel of Jesus Christ as communities of faith, hope, love and witness.

Leadership Development

Developing effective servant leaders who can model discipleship as they engage in missional relationships with discernment, commitment, sensitivity and passion

Building Bridges and Enhancing Collaborative Opportunities

Fostering congregational networks, ecumenical and interfaith partnerships, social justice networks and engagement with community agencies that enable us to meaningfully address issues affecting the communities we serve.

MISSION STATEMENT PRESBYTERY OF EAST IOWA

The mission of the Presbytery of East Iowa is to further the Realm of God by living and acting in covenant relationship with one another and with the whole of God's creation to embody the Great Ends of the Church through

- **Challenging presbyters and churches to continual missional learning, growth, experimentation, and engagement**
- **Faithfully stewarding our shared theological traditions, essential values, and resources**
- **Cultivating internal and external missional relationships and partnerships**
- **Calling and nurturing effective missional leaders**
- **Fostering creativity and excellence in all of our endeavors**