



*1 Corinthians 12: 25 – 26:*

*“And so there is no division in the body, but all its different parts have the same concern for one another. If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness.” Today’s English Version (TEV)*

**Vision Statement:**

To see all people living an abundant life according to God’s plan

**Mission Statement:**

To be a Kingdom resource that

- Actively promotes wholeness in all areas of the lives of all people
- Awakens, equips and encourages the Body of Christ
- Orientates all people for lives of worship and service

**Values:**

- Empathy
  - o All people are loved by God, therefore worthy of love
  - o All people have a voice
  - o All people deserve to be heard
- Community
  - o Each individual is unique and desired within the Body of Christ
  - o The interconnectedness of the Body means sharing one another’s burdens and celebrations
- Service
  - o Service flows as a response to God’s prompting
  - o Sacrificial giving to the mission of God



The logo of THE-Way is a Venn diagram, a concept that is used to visually represent the idea of correlation. The three circles in the logo are the three main elements of our reality. Where the three overlap is the point of abundance –this, we believe, is the life of abundance Jesus refers to in John 10:10 – it is THE-way, the Jesus way. The three circles represent the life of God; the life of humanity; and the physical-organic world in which we live, and that gives context to our experiences.

**God (Theos):** Everything flows from the Self-Existent, Triune God into the other two spheres. The existence of humanity and the world; the call for relationship with God; the invitation to be like God; and the picture of what the world should look like. For the acronym THE, the Greek word for God, ‘theos’, is used.

**Humanity:** is both the encounter with one’s self and one another. All people are sacred to God, all life is sacred. All is created by God; all are loved by God. So in turn all are to be loved by Jesus followers. There is a dynamic interaction between individuals and groups within this circle, as well as a response to the originating energy from God.

**Environment:** Is both physical-organic as well as contextual. In the physical-organic, the world is sacred, created by God; sustained by God. It should be protected and enjoyed. Jesus followers have a stewardship responsibility to the future of this earth. Contexts are the situations in which life is lived. These range from everyday situations to the most intricate levels of political, social or economic connectedness on a global level.

The interconnectedness of these three elements give us our vision of what abundant life looks like – it is out of this way of viewing the world that we intend to function.



## The Mission Statement explored

If the verses from 1 Corinthians 12 were to be inverted they might be read as:

*“And so there is **much** division in the body, **and** all its different parts **do not** have the same concern for one another. If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts **do not** suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts **express jealousy/ bitterness/ division.**”*  
*1 Corinthians 12:25,26 (The Broken Reality Translation™)*

The practical outworking of our life of ministry would be to re-affirm the original scripture and direct our energies against the above paraphrase that seems to be so consistent with current life in society and the Body of Christ.

Our perception is that there are people from all walks of life that seem voiceless and deaf. In reality, there are no voiceless people. It is more that there are those that have become deaf to the cries of the overwhelming needs of this world.

Our call in ministry is to focus on these two main themes:

- Assisting those who feel voiceless to rediscover their voice
- Encouraging those who have become deaf to reopen their ears to hear God’s voice and the voices of others.

We see this call working itself out practically in three main areas

1. Social justice
  - a. To serve the vulnerable and oppressed, providing hope and guidance
2. Personal empowerment
  - a. To serve those in need of skills development, family support
3. The Body of Christ
  - a. To serve the Body of Christ and promote healthy, missional function that produces disciples that make disciples.

The outworking of these three areas obviously have numerous modes of application.

