



VISION STATEMENT

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On May 19, 2002, a group that became Redeemer Community Church was sent from Grace Fellowship Community Church to form a new congregation in the city of San Francisco. With the understanding that the people of God are blessed to be a blessing, they sought to be a blessing in another part of the city.

On September 28, 2003, our congregation had its first worship service in the Bayview neighborhood. Warmly welcomed by the surrounding churches, we have come to identify with the gifts and challenges of living in the Bayview and to see ourselves as part of what God is doing in our neighborhood.

The following convictions do not convey all that we believe, but they are core to who we are and express what we have come to hold dear:

We believe that the resurrection of Jesus from the dead brings into being God's new creation. On the cross, Jesus Christ defeated the powers of sin and death. By the grace of God, the new creation will increase until its fulfillment when Christ comes in final victory.

We believe that God is able and willing to save. Through the redemptive work of Jesus Christ and the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, sins are forgiven, people are made new, and the glory of God's image in humanity is perfected.

We believe that this new humanity in Christ can be seen in the church today. The church is the people of God—a particular people formed by the Word of God and blessed by God to be a blessing to others. Through the life of the church, all get a taste of what God intends and are welcomed to become part of God's people.

As we look to the future with hope, it is our longing and our prayer that God would form us into a people who experience the life made possible through the resurrection of Jesus Christ and who invite others to participate in that life. Trusting in the transformative power of the Holy Spirit, we seek the following:

As a community of disciples in covenant with one another, we seek to learn Christ's mind and heart, follow his ways with joy, and share in his life-giving work.

In a world where differences divide churches, neighborhoods and nations, we long to be a truly reconciled community. The gospel of reconciliation will be made visible as God joins us together into one community in Christ, even across historic and present dividing lines of hostility.

In a society that rewards aggression, independence, and self-confidence, we long to be a community that treasures the way of the cross and the life of interdependence in the body of Christ. We seek God's grace in our weaknesses and desire to be a community where the meek find a place to belong.

As citizens of God's kingdom, we will discover and live out our vocation as servants of that kingdom in every place our Lord sends us—in our homes, neighborhoods, workplaces and schools, in positions of obscurity and places of influence.

In a world that is sick and dying, we long for healing and wholeness. We seek to minister to the whole person, to the poor, the sick, and the needy.

In a society where children are often left to fend for themselves and where youth of the church choose not to continue in the faith of their parents, we seek to share the good news of Jesus Christ with children and youth and model faithful discipleship.

As we anticipate God's future with hope and joyfully work toward God's vision for the world, we seek to nurture partnerships with churches, ministries, and other agencies in which we support one another, respect one another, and are mutually challenged.

In response to God's great love for us and for all the world, believing that our vision is an expression of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, we seek in the power of the Holy Spirit to joyfully do our part that this vision may come to fruition.