

## 2024 Giving Commitment Invitation: Our Focus Areas for 2024

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*Thank you in advance for prayerfully considering what to give in this coming year; whether it's your financial support, or the gift of your presence, expertise, prayer, and support, we need YOU to become more of US. In order to fulfill our mission, and grow certain areas of our common life together, here is what you will be supporting:*

- ***Kids, Youth, and Families:*** we'll be intentional about welcoming (back or for the first time) people of all ages and life stages; we'll pay attention to developing youth leaders, kids participating in service, and having regular consistent places for formation; we'll host community and connection spaces for various ages and parents/caregivers/families
- ***Outreach and Advocacy:*** we'll be solidifying and growing our ministry to and with our local LaSalle community, including Breaking Bread, Senior Market, NNUP, CCLC, and more; we'll be deepening our intentionality and sustainability around church partnerships, ministry connections, and missionaries; we will be engaging in more advocacy and justice-centered systemic work, both locally and globally
- ***Spirit-led Worship:*** we'll continue to build on the musical and creative gifts of the church by encouraging innovative and artistic worship; we'll lean into multiethnic musical expressions and leaders; we'll keep making room for the Spirit to shape us through an emphasis on prayer, contemplative rhythms, and diverse authentic faith practices
- ***Multiethnic Identity:*** we'll build on the work of our past leaders who have advocated around racial justice and righteousness to expand more places of life and growth for people of color, and more learning and growth for white folks; we'll keep building a liberating and equitable church and leadership culture; we'll intentionally pursue supporting leaders of color, women, and those most impacted by injustice when we assess partners in ministry, hiring, patronizing, supporting vendors, etc.
- ***Belonging & Healing:*** we'll keep intentionally inviting more folk to the banquet table of the kin-dom, learning together how to make room and center those not here yet; we'll increase our communication and entry points to belonging especially for those who have been hurt by or distrustful of the church in the past; we'll invest in leadership development and mental health tools that equip our staff and our laity to be agents of belonging, healing, and hope to one another and our community.
- ***Connection & Spiritual Formation:*** we'll continue to create spaces to connect for all ages and stages, offering generous community that is necessary for belonging, faith, and growing; we'll offer adult, youth, and kid formation that reflects our expansive faith and that's rooted in Jesus and justice; we'll offer creative ways for both in-person and online connecting with others and with God; we'll access art and beauty and creativity and the power of innovation to assess what might impact our welcome, create atmospheres, and draw our attention to what God is doing in and around us as part of our formation.

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