Discipleship

Strong Children's and youth ministries

Ongoing lay leadership development

Pastor's training school (preparation and continuing education)

Strong discipleship training with emphasis on devotional life

Ongoing attention to the basics of the faith

Ministry training process.

Fellowship

More multigenerational ministry/contact

Whole Family ministry

1st time attender assimilation

Group that is willing to build each other in love (tough love as needed)

Bear one another's burdens

Worship

Strong multifaceted music ministry

Increase involvement in corporate prayer

Include children in worship

Dynamic youth worship gatherings

Commitment focused worship to support decisions for Christ

Facilitate true worship experience.

Live with eternal perspective

Faithfulness with blessings (material & non-material)

Evangelism

Ongoing evangelism training for all age groups / empowered evangelism

Continuing unique community outreach/blessings

Catalyst for salvation

Double (increase) in size in one year through conversion of unchurched and reincorporation of the disenfranchised

Community oriented outreach

Support Gideon (Bible distribution) ministry

Ministry

Operation of spiritual gifts

24/7 church

Facilitate Troutdale interchurch cooperation

Prayer ministry (preserving, persistent)

Continuous new ministry development

Felt needs support groups and ministries

No debt

Church prevalent in home (home as a center for ministry to family)

Full Christian school Hospital visitation ministry

CLC's Vision for the Future

We believe that God has placed Columbia Life Center in the City of Troutdale to be catalyst for spiritual awakening. We are a church committed to loving God and loving people as demonstrated by our efforts to reach out and make a difference in our community. Based upon these principles we are driven to implement Christ's ideas for His church by:

Living Discipleship:

We will be a church committed to discipleship, the process of learning biblical principles and putting them into daily practice. We will engage in a wide range of disciple making opportunities that will include every believer from the youngest child to the most senior adult with an emphasis on the development of a strong personal devotional life.

We will help new converts in the discipling process by providing them with resources that will encourage their new life in Christ and we will provide them with a network of individual mentors who can assist them as they grow in their faith.

We envision a dynamic leadership development process that will enable us to train leaders for life changing ministry. We will facilitate the equipping and training of workers, lay leaders, and pastors.

Intentional Ministry:

We will be a church that prays and has a fully developed prayer ministry. We will encourage individual prayer and facilitate congregational prayer.

We are committed to engage in spirit empowered ministry by encouraging the discovery, development, and deployment of each individual's spiritual gifts and talents to build and strengthen the church. We will encourage the use of spiritual gifts depending upon the Holy Spirit to direct and guide their operation.

We will be a church that will provide multiple opportunities for worship, training, and ministry. We will adapt our schedules and programs to the needs of our community in order to include as many people as possible.

Our church will support and strengthen families through high quality age specific and multgenerational ministries. We will strive to improve our children's and youth ministries to encourage their growth and spiritual development.

Our church will be a leader in the area of inter-church cooperation within the City of Troutdale through development and participation in multi-church events and ministries.

Growth Evangelism:

We are committed to Spirit empowered participation in the Great Commission through innovative community oriented outreach. We will train and encourage every believer to use their unique abilities to clearly communicate the Gospel message in their personal mission field.

We will be a church that is a catalyst for the conversion of the unchurched, restoration of the dechurched, and the settling of those going through life transitions. Our growth will be fueled by assimilation of these individuals into fellowship with our church.

We will support and invest in the global mission of Christ and the Church through world missions giving and involvement. We will develop, launch, and support new and existing works that will expand the opportunity for evangelism.

Higher Worship:

Our church will encourage a lifestyle of worship that will bring glory and honor to Almighty God. We will be dynamic and contemporary in style while maintaining our respect for traditional forms of worship. Our worship will be focused on drawing everyone into a personal experience with God that will prepare their hearts for the ministry of the Spirit.

We will always strive to facilitate the worship of God by encouraging good stewardship with our faith, facilities, and finances using them to bring honor to God. We will use these blessings to bless others and we will encourage our congregation to do the same with the blessings entrusted to them.

Together in Fellowship:

We will help people connect with one another by offering multi-generational fellowship opportunities that will encourage the building of significant and meaningful relationships.

We will encourage accountability to one another for the purpose of building each other up in love and bearing one another's burdens.

Every member will intentionally seek to assist newcomers by assimilating them into their circle of care through the demonstration of genuine love and concern. We will affirm their decision to

fellowship with us but not pressure them to join. We will be friendly and accepting of all who attend our services allowing the Spirit to use us in ministering to their needs giving them a reason to continue in fellowship with us.