

TOLERANCE/ACCEPTANCE/SUPPORT

Being less judgmental

Open-mindedness

Be respectful of all

Accepting without fear

Treating others with respect and having empathy for others' circumstances

E.L.E. Everybody love everybody

Treat other people the way you would like to be treated

Acceptance towards all. Seeing things from another's point of view

Compassion to others

Acceptance and understanding - God created us all as we are

Seeking understanding of others, especially those who have differing thoughts

Tolerance

Equality

Justice

Living love as a: loving community and friendly country

Open mind, open heart, open doors

Living and love can be both values and actions. This church, Methodism and nation must reflect on and improve alignment of its actions and values.

Learn to listen to others in love - Allow others to be heard

Acceptance and sensitivity

Compassion for all people

Teach/model/demonstrate acceptance and value of all persons as beloved children of Christ - hear among us and in the world through our actions together

Living love for all kids to feel love and accepted in school and church

Living love - we all have the responsibility to support together all ages

Unity

Open-minded: slow to become angry, slow to judge, patience in understanding, constantly demonstrating love

Living love... is open arms

Open hearts and minds

Kindness and empathy

Embracing differences in others

Acceptance

Connectedness

Compassion for others - walk in their shoes

Get to know everyone

Multi-generation families communication

Making time in a busy schedule for those who need extra love

Loving other people, staying with people, praying for people in a time of pain

Love in congregation: Many among us are hurting and need support. Many you would not even imagine. In order to serve we must be bold. Many of us are not. Let us know and love each other.

Loving neighbors regardless of reciprocal treatment

Communicating better in a loving way

Respect for all peoples - including our Confederate ancestors and their descendants

Living love toward family here and away

Living love prayerfully and without ceasing

Honesty, respect, love, stand up for what we believe

Open-mindedness, welcoming all in God's love no matter our differences. And getting to know those who appear different to see that we are all of one body in Christ's love

Tolerance and understanding

We should stop being comfortable with the fact that we are divided and instead build around what unites us

Living civilly

Differing opinions need to be allowed and heard with courtesy

Acceptance of refugees, other religions and cultures

Put love into action - open hearts, minds and conversations

OUTREACH/SOCIAL JUSTICE

Willingness to speak for those who can't

Living love locally - reaching out to the poor, outcast, marginalized

Church-sponsored trip to A-SPAN/AFAC/APAH

Support the persecuted Christians in the Middle East - 90,000 dead in 2016

Local mission work

I personally would like to see more of the church community involved in mission work

Extend love to the larger world

Outreach

Advocacy

Speak of missions more during services

Living love with persons of many abilities and disabilities as equal valued partners in life. Reach out to immigrants who may feel at risk or threatened in their new homes.

Feed the hungry and house the homeless

Love in world: open our doors officially to refugees

Unto the least of these...

Reach out thru mission work. Invite our neighbors to help.

Take action on social justice issues - immigration, refugees

Service

Don't be afraid to love the marginalized and do it visibl

POLITICS

Loving all who are Democrats and Republicans

Stop the focus on politics - time to move on. Jesus did not care about politics

Living love between political opponents, can Democrats love Republicans and vice versa?

Please - regarding the election - everyone calm down. No harsh words.

How to let "love" guide our political discussions/views (finding common ground)

HUMAN SEXUALITY

To be a welcoming church to all - all races, all genders all sexualities
LGBT rights and acceptance

Outreach toward the LGBT community - or at least a safe place at CUMC (no matter what the General Conference decides)

How can we say that we love if we can't even welcome those of all sexualities and genders to the table?

For this church be a "reconciling church" - lead the way even if the others still resist

Love in UMC: officially become a reconciling congregation openly accept the LBGTQ among us

Living love, regardless of sexuality

Free expression of love

Understanding how different generations interpret changes in the denomination

Allow all who love to marry at CUMC, or any UMC, so that they can live love together

Living love - hundreds of years of tradition should not be alienated to satisfy a current trend. We don't need to follow. (****Subject matter implied, but not certain - LGS*)

The church follows the divine writings of Paul concerning human sexuality. This is living God's will and love.

Love accepts all regardless of sexual choice.

Inclusion without judgment (****Subject matter implied, but not certain - LGS*)

GOD/JESUS

Living love means... that you feel God

Think first of Christ

Taking initiative to do God's work

Living love means letting go and letting Jesus love me!

Focus on the basics: Jesus!!

Living love means forgiving as we are forgiven

Let us all be inspired to come back next Sunday

Living love means loving God

Love light

Honor God

Living forgiven; forgiving others

Shining God's light

Love loves always... Love one another as Jesus so loved us. Forgive and trust in the Holy Spirit to guide us in the path of light, following in Jesus Christ's footsteps. Love loves always.

Honor God

Finding peace in everyday life. Looking for ways to be an instrument of God's peace

Forgiveness

The theme "living love" makes me think about the idea of loving your enemies. I will try to remember and focus on this in the future

God is love

Love is kind

Love and leave the rest to God

1) Acceptance and 2) "Giving up" and living in conscious dependence on Christ

Love your enemies - the most profound contribution to the world from Christianity

Find peace: eliminate technology, TV and social media. Turn to the Bible and pray. Listen to the Lord and follow

Bold forgiveness

RACE & RELIGION

Think how non-Christians view Christians from our actions and the way we live and treat other strangers

Collaboration with black UMC for unity on advocacy

Race relations and other religion relations

Kindness towards others of all religions

Race relations

Living love - making all people and all faiths welcome in this community and nation

Needs to be a fourth - Living love in this turbulent world - how to reconcile different religions

IDEAS

Have several times of study on different conversations

Following studies, practice with topics of interest – apply

Church market itself more within the community so more can become aware of its offerings

Share music with others outside the church family

Continue with opportunities to draw the younger generation into the church

Visiting the sick in the hospital

Visiting seniors in care

Spreading love through music

Bible study applications with a class time amenable to the working church moms (before 7am, after 6pm)

A workshop to explore different political views within church community

Place post-it notes of loving words around community

Living love by planting a plot for hunger to provide fresh produce for area needs

Dialogue about human sexuality

NPR had a spot last week about a DC school in NW that invited students from SE - a similar exchange would be good

Involve our neighbors

Small groups at a variety of times, shorter in length, on topics around the three themes mentioned (for example - human sexuality, social justice, difficult conversations, etc.)

More transparency of financial concerns in a loving, caring way

Living love - care for the elderly in the church and those who are shut-in. Visit and share God's living love

How about a Hispanic ministry for Arlington at CUMC or alternatively provide a quarterly/annual legal counsel for immigrants of Arlington

Share the bios of people as is occasionally done

How to manage Godly finances beyond giving in personal life

Young adult activities - "20's"

More small groups!!

Help us learn how to have different communications with love

Host ecumenical event where we learn about the teachings re: love in various religions. Thank you for this chance

Living Love - Consider how to support leaders and elected officials to lead with love at the center of our work in Arlington, VA, US, World

Living Love - Reach out to other congregations and worship together with the different churches in Arlington

Grow generous givers

Provide a safe place for clients of Doorways house across the way to come, scream, or whatever. Be a friend, not just a number pusher

To provide a safe place to have civil dialogue about difficult issues

Worship and conversations with an AMC or similar church - discussing and sharing about racism

Continue to grow spiritual, educational, and real food so others may eat and all are fed

Dance in church together

OTHER LIVING LOVE THOUGHTS

Living love can mean letting go at the end to end suffering

Focus on local and nation

Visioning our future

Love is safety during services. Where are the fire extinguishers in case a live flame candle gets knocked over. Children may accidentally bump into one.

Challenging ourselves

Watch what goes on around you. If it is in the words of the sermon - it is the young woman who brought her 103-year-old friend in a wheelchair and gently took care of her

It's easy(ish) to love your family and friends. It's hard to love your enemies or those who wish you harm. How do you love those it is hard to love?

A Joyful Noise

Living Love - Through consistent message and action

Communion table today (Easter) This has been a big concern. Post the locations in the bulletin.

Meeting people where they are and in their needs

Create a living love that lasts beyond our stay on earth

Peace and sacrifice = love

Family

Living love can be small acts of kindness every day

Learning to love in times of evil and change

Sense of love in all who come

Bringing love to this world

Ending war and conflict

How might an individual jump-start change in a community of any size?

CUMC needs to build a bell tower! It will be a magnet for love!

Music

Family, warmth, service, selflessness, empathy, compassion, sacrifice

Bread cast on the water returns but not always thru those you have fed

This is a great idea! I like the idea of loving your community, your church, each other as God loves us

Living love = Love is living with us in all we do and say

Happiness and friendliness

Friends, covenant, trust, peace, communication, help

Love is a verb - denotes action

Love with more diversity

Focus on the word of God. Pray for our leaders of our government that God will lead them to help lead us. Be open-minded and have faith that they are doing their best. Focus on the word of God.