



Widen the Circle

Garfield Memorial Church, Cleveland, Ohio

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Vision Templates: A continuous cycle of Transformation leading to Saturation turning back into Transformation as we are ever Widening the Circle.

Our Mission: Connecting diverse people who share a common brokenness, with Jesus.

Our One Word: Reconciliation

A Renaissance of Reconciliation

Our Vision: In the next ten years, as part of this world's broken community, we will seek to become transformed by Jesus as we pursue a renaissance of reconciliation for all people while living into the beloved community together.

Our Vision Expanded:

We enter this decade at one of the most divisive moments in our nation's history. But we dream of a decade where the people of Garfield Memorial sow the gospel in Greater Cleveland by saturating it with the gospel's love and power so that discord is replaced with unity.

Over the next ten years, Garfield Memorial Church seeks to ignite a renaissance of reconciliation.

A renaissance is a renewal of life and vigor. We want to be the yeast in our communities, the single-cell that exponentially grows to bring new life, leading to lasting peace.

We set ourselves to pray, live, hope and cry for gospel-based reconciliation.

- May our prayer be that we visibly walk, work and worship as one.
- May we so live, love, and laugh that others are drawn to the peace of God.
- May our hope be to dethrone the powers and principalities of disparity in Greater Cleveland and our world.
- May our cry for a church from "every nation, tribe, people and language" (Revelation 7:9) saturate our city and its churches to create a hunger for transformation from division to unity.

"But the end is reconciliation; the end is redemption; the end is the creation of the beloved community. It is this type of spirit and this type of love that can transform opposers into friends. It is this type of understanding and goodwill that will transform the deep gloom of the old age into the exuberant gladness of the new age. It is this love which will bring about miracles in the hearts of people." – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.