

# OSLC Mission Principles

## (Ministry Objectives)

**Mission:** *What are we doing?*

“To connect faith with life through Jesus Christ”

**Motives:** *Why are we doing it? (Core Values)*

### 1. Love

**God’s love for us in Jesus: Romans 5:8**

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**God’s love through us: 1 John 3:16**

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

### 2. Grow

**To grow in knowledge and faith in Jesus: Ephesians 4:15-16**

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

**To grow together as a community of believers: Hebrews 10:24-25**

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

### 3. Live

**We seek to live in God’s forgiveness: Romans 6:12-13**

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.

**We use our abilities to serve God and others: Romans 12:6-8**

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

### 4. Go

**God sends us to share His love with others: Matthew 28:19-20**

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

**God uses us to proclaim Jesus: Acts 13:47**

For this is what the Lord has commanded us: “I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.”

**Map:** *How are we doing it? (Strategy)*

1. Bringing people to Jesus Christ by creating people with a Christ-centered heart for others.
2. Building people to mature faith, people who are committed to living in the Word and reflecting the Word in daily life.
3. Equipping people for lifelong service to Jesus Christ as they discover and use their gifts for Jesus.
4. Sending Spirit-led people into their world to be Everyday Missionaries for Jesus as they connect others to faith in Jesus Christ.

**Marks:** *When are we successful? (Goals)*

Each member of OSLC, as an Everyday Missionary, is actively...

1. Bringing other people to Jesus Christ
2. Building themselves to mature faith
3. Being equipped and equipping others for lifelong service to Jesus Christ
4. Intentionally going and connecting others to faith in Christ.

**Milestones:** *Where is God taking us? (Vision)*

*Seasonal Initiatives 2013*

- Prepare Mission Principles and Constitution & Bylaws to be ready by the May 2013 semi-annual meeting
- Implement the governing board by June 1, 2013
- Implement the staffing & organizational components by September 1, 2013

*Seasonal Initiatives 2013-2014*

- To be determined by the Governing Board & communicated to congregation