

VISION SERIES **(Executive Summary)**

Bringing Our Direction into Focus by Defining and Crystallizing our Vision

After intentionally praying and striving to fill our facility to capacity, we use God's resources to impact our neighborhood and the world. Instead of entering the cycle of debt by growing and building, we choose to live below our means and invest existing monies (rather than borrowed monies) into communities where the need is greatest, whether locally or globally. This plan requires sacrifice. But as you will see, it fits deeply embedded philosophies and core values that already exist at Trinity, such as our emphasis on community, our missions' thrust, our equipping model, our commitment to serve one another, our emphasis on every member a minister and witness, etc. Here's how it works:

1. Multiplication by Division

We intentionally give birth to new addresses in other communities where the need is greatest, whether locally or globally. We commit to each church plant until they reach a level of autonomy in leadership and finances.

2. Commitment to Community

We adopt a nontraditional MegaChurch model because of the value we place on relationships and community. We commit to building communities through which life-change and intimacy are possible. We will never stop growing, but our (for example) 10,000 members will be spread over 20 different communities and addresses world wide. We can have all of the benefits of effectiveness without the negatives of getting lost in the crowd.

3. Local AND Global

We must strive for excellence locally. Just as a copy machine demands a spotless original in order to produce clean copies, so we must be healthy to produce healthy copies. Ideally, each copy will then reproduce itself so that new churches are regularly being planted by plants of church plants (did you catch that?).

4. Need-Driven, God-Directed Ministry

We commit to going and growing where the need is greatest, both locally and globally. As God leads and provides opportunities, we supply the funds and people willing to do God's will.

5. Enhanced Equipping Model

We not only equip the saints for ministry in and through our address, but also in and through other communities as we plant and support local and global churches. We invest in the future leadership of our future church plants, and raise them up through our own ranks. We are building a community – and communities – of maturing followers of Jesus Christ.