



WHAT THE CHURCH IS FOR – PART 10

FOR THE CHURCH AT LARGE

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CHRISTIAN COOPERATION

VALLEY STATEMENT OF PRACTICE

Because we believe there is only one church, we are committed to cooperation with other churches in order to advance the purposes of Christ in the world. We recognize that we are not the only Christians, but rather only a small part of God's great household of faith. We seek to be an agent for unity, partnership, peace, and encouragement in the greater Body of Christ in our community, our nation, and our world.

ONE GOD AND FATHER OF ALL

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The Lord, Our God, is One though we are many.

Diverse in Understanding, Practice, Ethnicity, Language, and Culture.

REVELATION 5 / ACTS 2 / 1 CORINTHIANS 1

ONE BODY, ONE SPIRIT, ONE HOPE

EPHESIANS 4:4-5

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The Spirit of God is drawing wildly different people into a body with shared faith and hope. EPHESIANS 2

Diversity of understanding and practice is inevitable.

There will be a variety of redemptive behaviors. ROMANS 14

We can be different without being dismissive, divisive, or disparaging.

UNITY IS A CALLING

EPHESIANS 4:1-3

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This calling requires: humility, gentleness, loving patience, and EFFORT.

We must major in majors and look for commonalities of shared faith, hope, and conviction.