

Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church
Discipleship Ministry Charter

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Purpose

The Discipleship ministry encourages congregants and the community to follow the teachings and example of Jesus Christ. We are guided by Jesus' great commandment to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves (Matthew 22:35-40). We strive to foster a congregation of people who are theologically informed, prayerful, compassionate, relational, reflective about their faith, and responsive to the needs of society. Toward these ends, we promote Biblical literacy, knowledge of Presbyterian and Reformed theology, prayer, and knowledge and advocacy on issues of peace and justice.

Relationships

The Discipleship ministry is enriched by our relationship with other entities, including other SVPC ministry areas, especially Mission & Service; Presbyterian Women, a PC(USA) entity that nurtures faith, builds community, develops leaders, supports mission, and works for justice and peace; More Light Presbyterians, which works toward the full participation of queer people in the PC(USA) and society; the Presbytery of San Jose; and other PC(USA) programs, including Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.

Responsibilities

The responsibilities of the Discipleship ministry include:

- Adult learning classes
- Community Conversations and other public events
- Retreats (All-Church, Men's, Women's)
- Presbyterian Women circles, workshops, and other programs
- Small groups, outdoor ministries, and Just Among Moms (JAM)
- Young adult ministry
- Church library
- Book sales
- T.E.S.T. inquirer candidates