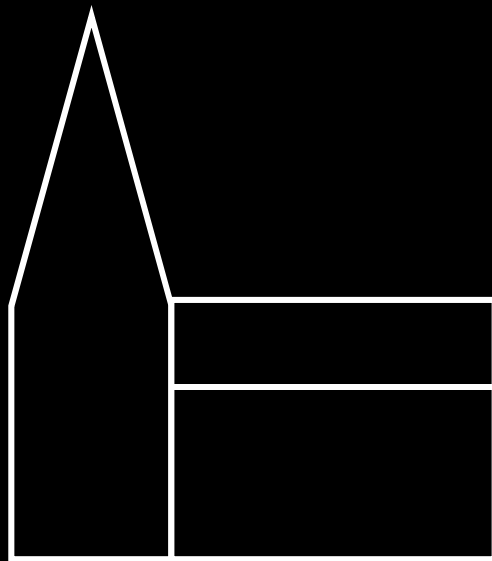
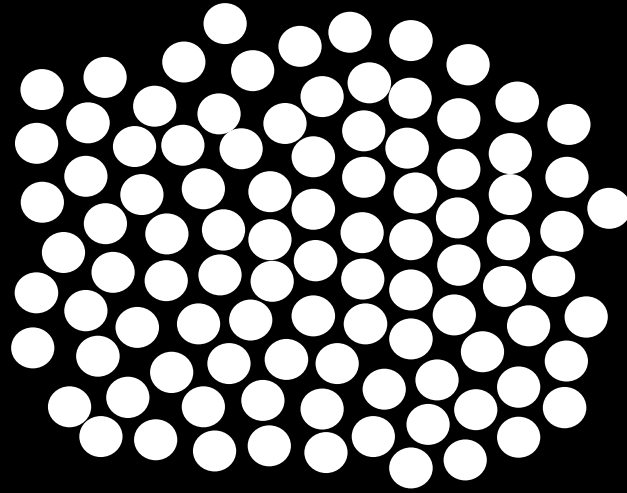


**The church God is
calling us to be**





'a community of disciples with Jesus at its
centre, seeking to obey him and see his
kingdom come in this world.'

John McGinley

Jesus is Lord

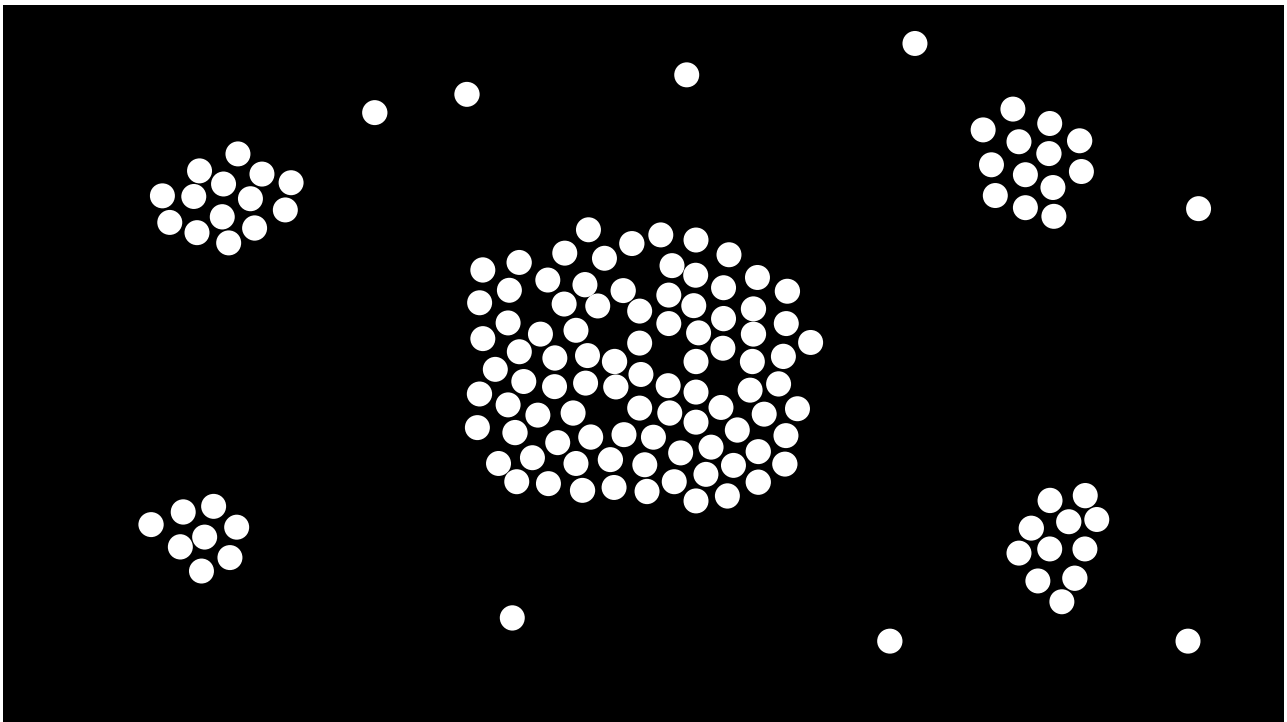
Dependent on the Holy Spirit

Confident in the gospel

Disciples who make disciples

Churches who planting churches

Diverse leadership



Diverse leadership -qualities

- **Acts 6:3** Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom.
- **Titus 1:6** an elder must be blameless, faithful to his wife,
- **Titus 1:7** an overseer must be blameless not overbearing, not quick tempered, not given to drunkenness...8 who loves what is good, who is self controlled, upright, holy and disciplined
- **1 Tim 3:2** above reproach, faithful, temperate, self controlled
- **1 Tim 3:8** deacons are to be worthy of respect, sincere,
- **1 Tim 3:11** the women are to be worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy

Problem of clericalism



1 Peter 2:4-5,9-10

⁴ As you come to him, the living Stone – rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him – ⁵ you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a **holy priesthood**, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a **royal priesthood**, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.



Ordination vows

Will you be diligent in prayer, in reading Holy Scripture, and in all studies that will deepen your faith and fit you to bear witness to the truth of the gospel?

By the help of God, I will

Will you strive to make the love of Christ known through word and example and have a particular care for those in need?

Will you work with your fellow servants in the gospel for the sake of the kingdom of God?

Will you then in the strength of the Holy Spirit, continually stir up the gift of God that is in you, to grow in holiness and grace?

Diverse leaders

God does not dismiss you for being

- Too young
- Too old
- Too bad at exams
- Too poor or weak
- Wrong gender
- Wrong social class
- Different race

Ephesians 4:11-13

¹¹ So Christ himself gave the **apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,** ¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ

Ephesians 2: 19-22

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ **built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.** ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

**What is God calling
you to do?**