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THE MISSION OF THE MEMPHIS AND TENNESSEE
CONFERENCES IS TO DISCOVER, EQUIP, CONNECT
AND SEND LAY AND CLERGY LEADERS WHO SHAPE
CONGREGATIONS THAT OFFER JESUS CHRIST TO A
HURTING WORLD, **ONE NEIGHBORHOOD AT A TIME.**

Shifting from an internal to an external focus.

Shifting from running programs and ministries to developing people.

Shifting from church-based leadership to community-engaged leadership.

- Reggie McNeal, Missional Renaissance



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VALUES

In obedience to God's leading, we will serve with:

Unrelenting love for all people

- We will fulfill our baptismal call to love God and neighbor.
- We will live out unconditional love in our glad acceptance of all God's people by upholding one another's dignity and sacred worth.

Integrity

- We will describe honestly what we see with grace and compassion.
- We will be authentic and transparent.
- We will be accountable to each other.
- We will build trust with each other in courageous and risk-taking ways.

Excellence

• We will strive for missional, pastoral, and congregational excellence.

Faithfulness and Fruitfulness

- We will discern all ministries through prayer.
- We will establish relationships in neighborhoods and engage in meaningful witness.
- We will measure our actions and decisions by their connection to our mission.

Innovation

- We will change whatever we need to within our structure and ourselves, holding nothing sacred but the mission.
- We will begin new faith communities.
- We will seek revival in the neighborhoods through the sharing of Word and Deed.

FOUR AREAS OF FOCUS

Invest in Young People

Engage the Mission Field

Create Transforming Lay and Clergy Leaders

Grow Fruitful and Faithful Churches

KEY QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

Adapted from *The Advantage*, by Patrick Lencioni

Why do we exist?

How do we behave?

What do we do?

How do we achieve our mission?

What is most important right now?