

## I. Executive Summary

*Above all, love each other deeply... Offer hospitality to one another... Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.*

*I Peter 4:8-11 NIV*



Starting in July 2007, the Mission Study Task Force sought to develop a document that would help define the mission of Carmichael Presbyterian Church (CPC) for the present and into the foreseeable future. More specifically, the task force explored four questions: (1) Who are we now and who is God calling us to be; (2) What is our purpose as a congregation; (3) What is our community; and (4) What must we do to fulfill our purpose.

Central to this effort, the task force met with the congregation in small groups to solicit members' views on CPC, its strengths, its contributions to members' lives, how it is carrying out God's work, and how its vitality and health could be further developed. The task force also interviewed Pastor Keith, surveyed the local chamber of commerce and Carmichael Presbyterian Preschool, and studied the demographics of the neighborhoods served by the church.

From these efforts, the task force learned that:

- CPC is a generalist church with a strong emphasis on mission. It also has a strong tradition of worship in which music plays a central role.
- The congregation is generally happy with the church and is excited about the future.
- There is a desire for more connection between those who worship at the two services and in attracting and involving more young families, young adults, and youth.
- The church is viewed positively by the surrounding community, though both could benefit if there were a greater awareness of the church's programs and services.

The task force prayerfully considered and discussed the various pieces of information that had been made available, and identified a number of core values of CPC. These include:

- CPC is a community of Christians that seeks to glorify God through worship and praise and service to others.
- We are a church which is Christ-centered in worship.
- We are a mission-driven church that honors and welcomes the gifts of our members, and in so doing endeavors to minister to each other and the community.
- We are a seeking church that strives for continuous spiritual growth and that passes down our faith to our children.
- We are a happy church that values fellowship, supporting one another in our religious and secular lives.

