List Your Beliefs about Callings and Vocation

WE BELIEVE . . .

- Vocation is a dynamic response to who we are, how we live, and what we give our lives to.

- Every human being has a calling, whether they acknowledge it or not.

- God in Christ is calling us into relationship, a life of discipleship, and that our response to God's calling is a life expressed through our vocation.

- Callings are discerned through relationships – God calls us through each other, and our calling is for each other. We believe vocational discernment is a practice of the faith community.

- All vocations are guided by love – loving God with all our mind, heart, soul, and strength, and our neighbors as ourselves.

- Callings and vocation are lifelong. They evolve over time. They are multiple and changing over a lifetime. They are dependent on the capacities of the body as we grow and age.

- Vocation is our participation in God's activity in the world today, and that God sustains creation through vocation.

- Vocation is animated by God's Spirit active in our lives through a diversity of gifts and charisms, through what we love and are passionate about. We believe God creates, sanctifies, and revels in our differences, and that our differences are assets.

- Vocation is for all life – family, church, community, world; and not only what we do in our work life.

- The call to church ministry is one type of calling; and that this calling is to nurture all callings and lead the community of disciples to live their vocation in the world.

- People discover callings and experience vocation in diverse ways based on their life situation and context; and that factors such as poverty, violence, and discrimination have an impact on vocation.

- People experience times of struggle, darkness, and brokenness in living a vocation and being faithful to it.

- God brings life out of struggle, darkness, and brokenness; and that the faith community has a special role to support and encourage people during these times.

- Living a calling and vocation is transformational for the person and for the world.

In what ways do you live out your callings on a daily basis?