

A Resurrection Vision:

Core Initiatives

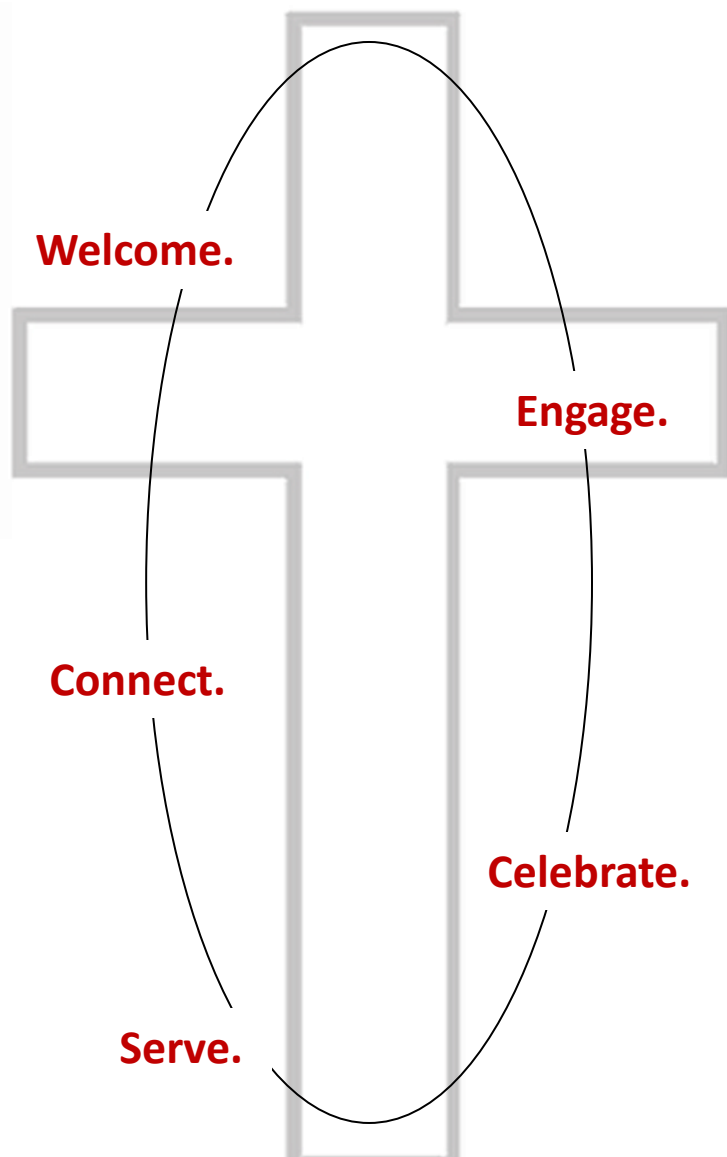
to support building up the Kingdom of God

Last year, Resurrection Parish—as the people of God—initiated a long-range planning process to review, renew, and initiate new ways of building up the Kingdom of God. After carefully considering input from parishioners, Parish Council, and others, we developed five core initiatives to support us in seeking a deeper spirituality, living the call of Jesus to serve those with the least, and enhancing our sense of community as one Body of Christ.

Now it's your turn. As part of the Body of Christ that is the Resurrection community, you are called upon to help put the initiatives into action in the coming year and beyond.

What you can do:

- † Read the core descriptions and examples on the other side.
- † Prayerfully discern what you—and all family members—can do to help put the initiatives into action.
- † In the coming months, watch for opportunities for you and your family to present your ideas and use your talents as more initiative details are provided.



Resurrection's Core Initiatives

As you read the initiative descriptions below, you are invited to prayerfully discern how you and the Resurrection community are called to act upon them. Use the examples as a starting point, but don't let them limit your ideas for how Resurrection might put the initiatives into action.

Initiative 1: Welcome. Be the face of Jesus to foster a welcoming and inclusive Christian community. Actively invite people of all ages, lifestyles, and walks of life to come to Resurrection. Welcome them when they arrive. Continue to engage and support them in their faith journeys.

Examples: Expand the use of social media, the Web, and postcard campaigns to invite and welcome all to Resurrection; increase awareness of faith opportunities for young people...

Initiative 2: Engage. Invite all to give of their time and talent. Reach out to everyone at Resurrection to recognize the range and diversity of talents, and ask for ways of putting talents to use. Use the talents of all to expand and invigorate ministry and service. Build an awareness of how everyone can use their time and talent.

Examples: Use talents to expand the use of multimedia and technology in parish life and Christian formation; link people to small faith sharing; build involvement opportunities that fit the time commitments of all...

Initiative 3: Celebrate. Foster worship, scripture study, personal prayer, and reflection to support the full, conscious and active participation of the assembly as one body of Christ. Celebrate liturgies that are life giving, faith driven, and transforming – sending all to be Christ in the world. Encourage members to liturgical ministry. Guide and instruct those in ministry as they serve with humility, dignity, and grace. Offer spiritual guidance for all in their faith journey.

Examples: Continually seek ways to foster full and conscious participation at liturgical celebrations; provide opportunities to experience different forms of prayer; expand scripture study for individuals, groups, and households...

Initiative 4: Serve. Live the way of Jesus through concrete acts of social justice and peace. Promote justice and peacemaking as foundational to Christian faith. Establish opportunities to learn Catholic social teaching. Invite people to personally connect to those in need, both locally and globally.

Examples: Include meaningful prayer for peace and justice in liturgies; deliver educational programs on justice and peacemaking; build action communities focused on prison ministry, women's rights, and environmental issues...

Initiative 5: Connect. Foster relationships with faith communities beyond Resurrection. Create opportunities to share ideas. Co-sponsor events that create diverse, insightful conversations and faith participation. Cultivate connections that strengthen the bonds to both local and global communities.

Examples: Establish youth service projects with community or church groups; provide mentoring for school students; create interfaith services and opportunities for intercultural devotional practices...