

LAMB'S MINISTRY VISION

[We] are all one in Christ Jesus.

(Galatians 3:28)

The Lord is God: He knows our hearts, encourages us, leads and guides us, and knows all.

Here is the Lord's vision for our ministry and, therefore, our vision. Everyone who serves in the Lamb's ministries—board members, core volunteers, volunteers, and guests—will grow in faith, trust, and faithfulness; we will seek to be mutually submissive, prayerful, and more interested in the needs of others than our own. We will submit to the Lord and share the Good News of His Son, Jesus Christ.

*"The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth,
whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine,
you did for me.'"*
(Matthew 25:40)

I. Board members will be faithful stewards of our resources: people, time, finances, and talent.

[If a man's gift is] is leadership, let him govern diligently.
(Romans 12:8)

Board members will work to be in right relationship with God through prayer, seeking God's wisdom and integrity in their planning and decision-making. They will be mutually submissive and encouraging to one another, seeking forgiveness and unity. They will take joy in their leadership and expand the ministry to other area churches. They will be fiscally responsible, seeking God's guidance in the use of funds. They will work to train up others to salvation and ministry.

II. Core volunteers will exercise responsible leadership through unity in Christ.

*I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.
Be completely humble and gentle;
be patient, bearing with one another in love.
Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*
(Ephesians 4:1-3)

Core volunteers will seek to be in right relationship with God. They will seek prayer from one another and pray for one another. They will strive to be mutually submissive. They will seek counseling and prayer from others in the Lamb's Ministries leadership. They will be rooted and unified in their faith. They will ask and extend forgiveness in times of strife. They will become connected with a local church. They will grow in their ability to lead. They will discover and use their areas of giftedness in ministry. They will work to equip one another and others in outreach. They will minister to guests, volunteers, and other members of the Body of Christ in humble service.

III. Guests will feel welcome and accepted, and will be respectful.

*Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace
and to mutual edification.*

(Romans 14:19)

Guests—whether homeless, ex-homeless, marginalized, or other visitors—will feel welcomed by being greeted at the door, offered a name-tag, and spoken to by name during the ministry. They will be offered hot, wholesome food in a respectful manner and will be treated as peers by core volunteers and volunteers. They will be respectful of and open to our message and activities. They will be quiet during the message or instructions, and will respond appropriately to requests. They will show courtesy and care (which includes sobriety) for one another and for the ministry. They will interact with each other, core volunteers, and volunteers; they will request or respond to prayer with courtesy. They may be uncomfortable with some of the activities but will be willing to be stretched and to grow.

IV. Volunteers will grow in faith and ministry.

*Just as each of us has one body with many members,
and these members do not all have the same function,
so in Christ we who are many form one body,
and each member belongs to all the others.*

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us.

(Romans 12:4-6)

Volunteers will grow in faith, witnessing Christ in action, as they serve through prayer and humble service. They will use their areas of giftedness in service to the Lord through our guests. They will actively minister to the Lamb's Ministry participants, connect with the guests through respectful body language and conversation, and develop relationships with core volunteers and guests. They will become aware of the larger issues of homelessness and poverty and use their gifts to reach out to the Lord's lambs wherever they are.

V. All participants will grow in showing a servant heart.

He has showed you, O man, what is good.

And what does the LORD require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy,

and to walk humbly with your God.

(Micah 6:8)