

## Mission and Vision: Where is God Leading Us? Connect Part 2

### Why do I need to connect?

1. God designed us \_\_\_\_\_.

*But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. 1 Corinthians 12:18 (NLT)*

*So God has put the body together such that extra honor and care are given to those parts that have less dignity. <sup>25</sup> This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. <sup>26</sup> If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad. <sup>27</sup> All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:24-27 (NLT)*

2. God grows me \_\_\_\_\_.

*Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. <sup>13</sup> This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. <sup>14</sup> Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. <sup>15</sup> Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. Ephesians 4:12-15 (NLT)*

3. When I connect to the community of the church, I connect \_\_\_\_\_

*Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.*

**John 15:4-5 (NRS)**

### How is God calling me to connect?

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