

The Karns Mission Statement

In the military and in business, most organizations have a mission statement that outlines critical tasks of the organization and captures the essence or culture of the organization. Mission statements should be short and easy to understand. The mission statement should come from a foundational document like a business plan or higher headquarters plan.

Many churches have mission statements and Karns is no exception. We have had a mission statement on the web site for several years, but the elders felt that it was too lengthy and not easy to follow. With that in mind, the elders have revised the mission statement to:

Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all the things Jesus commanded (Matthew 28:19-20). Strive to walk worthy of the calling with which we were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:1-3).

This statement captures the critical tasks of *go*, *make*, *baptize*, and *teach*. These are verbs that we all can easily understand. It clearly describes our mission as one of action and purpose. We cannot just sit in the pews three times a week and then go out into the world without action. That does not accomplish our mission.

The statement also captures the essence of how we should be as a congregation of the Lord's church. It uses words like *worthy*, *lowliness*, *gentleness*, *patience*, *love*, *unity* and *peace* to describe how we should treat one another and present ourselves to the world.

The mission statement comes directly from our perfect foundational document, the Bible. This is what the Lord directed us to do and how he wants us to act as we accomplish our mission.

So go, make, baptize, and teach in lowliness, gentleness, patience, love, unity, and peace, striving to walk worth of the calling.

The elders love you and pray for you continually.

For the elders,
Tony Turner