

# **St. Croix Christian Church**

## **Purpose Statement**

Our purpose is to lead people into an intimate, life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ by encouraging worship, equipping towards Christ-like maturity, sharing the good news locally and globally, doing acts of kindness, and embracing each other as God's family.

### **Encouraging Worship**

God is worthy of our worship and adoration. Our desire is to create a relaxed atmosphere where we can celebrate God together in freedom and intimacy.

### **Equipping Towards Christ-like Maturity**

Our desire is to do the work of Jesus and to develop His character within us. God's power at work in us through His Holy Spirit heals and sets us free so that we can grow into His likeness.

Therefore, we challenge one another to grow in intimacy with Him and in the gifts and fruit of the Holy Spirit.

### **Sharing the Good News Locally and Globally**

God's love extends to all peoples. We will encourage each other to reach out on our island and to the un-reached peoples around His world and share the Good News that Jesus died to save all who believe in Him.

### **Doing Acts of Kindness**

As we share God's love, we believe it should be accompanied by practical deeds to show in a tangible way God's heart for the needy. The kindness of God is shown in many ways: through simple words of truth spoken in love, acts of mercy, a pursuit of justice and the power of God bringing healing and freedom to lives. So we, as His hands and feet, will reach out actively with our time, talents, and money.

### **Embracing Each Other as God's Family**

We are brought together by the unconditional love and grace of God. Therefore, we will unconditionally love, respect and value each other as part of the stable and loving family of God.

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## SCCC Racism Statement

Definition of Racism- A prejudice, a discrimination, or antagonism directed against a person or people on the basis of their membership in a particular racial or ethnic group.

Where do we as a church stand?

At St Croix Christian Church we believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God. The teaching of Jesus Christ that we are to love God with all our heart, all our soul and all our mind and Love our neighbors as ourselves is central to how we choose to live as the body of Christ. Racism has no place in this belief and as such we as a body stand against any system or philosophy that promotes racism in any form.

As children of the Living God, in this body we commit to love all others.

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" - Matthew 2:37-39

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. - John 15:12