

# Going Deeper: A Faith Vision for First Congregational Church of Bellingham

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*Our Vision: We are a nurturing, beloved community,  
growing authentic Christian faith, living Christ-inspired action.*

<b>Vision</b>	<b>Long Term Goal</b>	<b>2023-24 Action Steps</b>
<b>1. We are a nurturing, beloved community</b>		
	<b>Be a community where all are welcome and included</b>	Build on previous work and existing ministries
		Develop additional processes/strategies whereby members and friends can connect more deeply and broadly
	<b>Be a deeply connected community</b>	Continue to support members to self-start small groups and invite participation
		Track participation and create a follow-up process for those who haven't been in attendance
<b>2. We are growing authentic, Christian faith</b>		
	<b>Be a people who deepen our own faith and help one another on our life-long faith journeys</b>	Nurture a practice of testimony
		Explore being grounded in a Christian faith
		Commit to providing a consistent faith formation program for children in Pre-K to 5 <sup>th</sup> grade
	<b>Be a people who worship and join in community in a variety of ways</b>	Create a welcoming environment for all in worship
		Nurture and share spiritual gifts
		Cultivate lay-leadership
<b>3. We are living Christ-inspired action</b>		
	<b>Be a people of faith in action for justice, peace, and mission</b>	Explore major or ongoing mission endeavors
		Create different modalities for outreach ministries