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Three Great Loves



The United Church of Christ has a vision of a just world for all. In this world all are welcomed, everyone is loved and justice is inherent. The **3 Great Loves** is the denomination's opportunity to express how our **Love of Neighbor**, **Love of Children**, and **Love of Creation** work together to address the inequities in our current world.

Over the course of the next two years, through the lens of the **3 Great Loves**, the United Church of Christ tells the story of how we are impacting and transforming the world, united in common purpose and mission.

During these upcoming two years, there will be moments of special invitation to participate in this denomination-wide undertaking. One by one we will focus on each of the **3 Great Loves** in service to our communities. Our expression of love, is and will be our living testimony.

- What would it look like for an entire denomination to commit to a shared mission? How much impact could an entire denomination have if it worked as one on a mission that mattered?

- We're about to find out. We have done this before, and not that long ago. Five years ago, the United Church of Christ launched Mission One – an initiative to help alleviate hunger. Four years ago, we launched Mission 4/1 Earth – a concentrated effort toward restoring health to the planet.

- This year, and for the next two years until General Synod 2019, we call the faith communities of the United Church of Christ to engage in the Three Great Loves mission campaign.

- In response to our Purpose statement – a call to love our neighbor as ourselves; and to our Vision statement – to build a just world for all: we are asking our congregations to seek ways to live out a commitment in mission to the love of children, the love of neighbor, and the love of creation.

- How does your church embody its love for children?

- How does your church incarnate the love of Jesus in seeking to love your neighbor?

- How does your church uphold the mandate to steward the Earth by demonstrating a love for creation?

- Together, we can change the world.

- United in God's spirit and inspired by God's grace, we can love all, welcome all, and seek justice for all: for the children, for our neighbors, and for creation.

- We can, we will, we must make a difference.

- Let our love light the way to a better world, a more just world – for the children, for our neighbor, for creation.



For more information on **3 Great Loves** and to access the **3 Great Loves** Toolkit, go to the PSEC website (www.psec.org) and click on the **3 Great Loves** slider at the top of the home page.



Next week, we will begin with....Love of Neighbor!