

Imago Dei Initiative Year One Summary

August 2022-August 2023

This document contains the following information:

- 2022 Team, 2023
- Team Mission and Vision Statements as written by the inaugural team in 2022
- 2022-2023 Goals
- Summary of 2022-2023 projects

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Mission, Vision, and Goals

Mission Statement

Following Christ's example, the Imago Dei team exists to help Middletown Christian Church create a church environment in which all people feel like they belong. In doing so, this team will help the church live out our mission of "living out the love of Christ by embracing people where they are" in a more expansive way.

Vision Statement

We want to become a church that practices radical inclusivity so that people, in all of their diversity, can participate as their authentic selves and experience belonging.

Year One Goals (Aug. 2022-Aug. 2023)

- Accessibility audit: identify areas around campus that need to be more disability accessible and propose solutions where we are able
- Build a congregational awareness of our team and its mission and vision
- Identify who is in our congregation through a demographic survey & potential listening sessions

- Establish a schedule for quarterly educational focus
- Make accessibility information more easily accessible through our website and key areas in the building

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- Chose a focus on disability & accessibility in the church
- Re-introduced the Imago Dei Initiative and the disability justice focus through a sermon series from April 23-May 7, 2023.
- Hosted two disability justice conversations in May 2023 and June 2023, featuring speakers who shared their stories of raising or working with disabled children and speakers that were adults living with disabilities.
- Completed a brief campus accessibility audit to have a baseline accessibility score.
- Conducted a congregational demographic survey in June 2023.
- Plan to host a small group focusing on disability justice in September & October 2023.