

# *Vision Statement*

*Our Vision Statement, developed by a vision task force over a one-year period, was adopted by the congregation at the 2007 annual meeting. Besides setting out our vision, it serves as a guide for church committees in their work.*

The Congregational Church of Henniker seeks to lead parishioners toward a closer walk with God, a life of striving to follow the teaching, ministry, and mission of Jesus Christ. The congregation seeks to attain that closer walk, living in ways that express God's justice and demonstrate God's love, locally and throughout the world.

To this end, the church shall offer to all people:

- A safe, welcoming, and sacred place to gather
- Worship that glorifies God with joy, wonder, music, message, and community
- Care and a sense of belonging to those who seek to follow Christ
- Christian education, and experiences and programs that seek to enhance people's faith in Christ
- Opportunities to identify, address, and serve the needs of others locally and throughout the world
- Services and other events that celebrate and mark spiritual aspects of life's passages for people in our community, recognizing and honoring our long history in Henniker

And in turn, the congregation shall strive to:

- Participate fully and joyfully in the worship services and activities of the church
- Accept God's love and forgiveness, allowing us to love and forgive ourselves and others
- Discover and nurture, through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit, our individual passions and gifts, devoting them to God's service
- Embrace the costs and joys of discipleship by pledging our time, money, and energy to the church's ministries and our own individual spiritual growth and faith development
- Serve others locally and throughout the world through personal involvement, prayers, and practical action
- Welcome with a warm spirit friends, neighbors, and newcomers alike