Together, as the Church of the Brethren, we will passionately live and share the radical transformation and holistic peace of Jesus Christ through relationship-based neighborhood engagement. To move us forward, we will develop a culture of calling and equipping disciples who are innovative, adaptable, and fearless.



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## **Compelling Vision Logo Interpretive Statement**

Our vision of "Jesus in the Neighborhood" is a dynamic vision, where the believers who form the Church of Jesus Christ in any given place are an active presence in their surrounding community.

The figures take various forms: praising and serving; expressing joy, need, and compassion. Each is different and unique, as each of us and each of those we encounter in our neighborhoods are different and unique.

The heart shape reminds us that when we become Jesus in our neighborhoods, it is Christ's love and presence that we emulate.

The heart is left open because our neighborhoods are in constant change as people move in and out and circumstances shift, but as the bearers of Christ's ongoing presence on this earth, we are called to, continually and intentionally, enter into relationship with whoever is there, embodying the presence of Christ to all with whom our lives intersect.

The open heart also serves as a reminder that we, the church, need to boldly step outside the comfortable buildings and groups that have defined us as the church, and move into the neighborhoods where Jesus' love and compassion calls us to live out the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.