

MMB Strategic Planning Committee Recommendations

July 2021

Recommendation 1: The Strategic Planning Committee recommends that the following Preamble Prayer be adopted by MMB to become “part and parcel” with the strategic plan in such a way that it is included in whatever settings the Strategic Plan is shared (print, online, etc.):

Preamble Prayer

As we envision beyond the horizon

for the Mission and Ministry Board of the Church of the Brethren,

we pray that . . .

God’s Holy Spirit will inspire us as we gather around the Word together,

We will faithfully follow God’s direction as we minister in Jesus’ name,

Christ will be at the center of all we do....

...to make fearless disciples who willingly articulate their faith in him,

...to courageously seek out and love our neighbors in word and deed,

...to become a community of nations and languages living together in God’s presence,

...to give of our lives and resources to eradicate needs, transforming our global community.

May we build on our Brethren values of peace, simplicity, and community

as we live and work alongside Jesus in the Neighborhood.

May the Holy Spirit empower us as we respond to God’s dream for all creation.

Recommendation 2: The Strategic Planning Committee recommends that the following text be adopted by MMB as the Mid-ground Vision statement for the Strategic Plan to be effective until July 2022, thereby supplanting the original Mid-ground Vision statement which was effective until July 2021:

Mid-ground Vision

By July 2022, MMB and denominational staff will be able to identify no fewer than three (3) active "work products under construction" that are aligned with one or more of the four Background Vision Strategies.