



# Takoma Park Seventh-day Adventist Church

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**F** amily “I have been shown that there should be a sacred circle around every family.”<sup>1</sup>

Family is the lifeblood of the church and thus is at the foundation of all that happens within the body. A healthy church is one that cares about and ministers to the family unit in all of its forms. Our newly acquired Children’s and Family Pastor will help us to deliver a robust ministry to our most valued asset.

**O** utreach “Why should we delay to begin work in our cities”<sup>2</sup>

Outreach is reaching outside of ourselves to connect with people who do not belong to us, for the sake of the gospel. We have several outreach events planned throughout 2020 that are meant to encourage membership engagement in this area. We try to vary the outreach options to match with the various spiritual gifts and personality styles at Takoma Park. A church that performs deliberate outreach is one that believes in the gospel mission to the world.

**C** ollaboration “To work together with another person or organization for a particular purpose.”<sup>3</sup>

Collaboration is an essential feature of a healthy church because nothing can be accomplished in a vacuum. In order for us to achieve our full potential we must learn to work together in a concerted effort to finish the gospel. In 2020 we aim to improve our collaboration across all areas of ministry at Takoma Park.

**U** nity “...that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.”<sup>4</sup>

Unity throughout the body of Christ is of the utmost importance and cannot be achieved without the spirit of God. Said another way, there is nothing more damaging to mission and ministry than division and rivalry between those who claim to serve Christ. We will encourage unity in 2020 through Biblical, Christ-centered preaching and by planning events that promote relationship across cultural, generational and socio-economic lines.

**S** anctuary Renovation “Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them.”<sup>5</sup>

Our sanctuary is designed to be a place where we meet God and thus should represent His excellent nature. Our edifice is beautiful but has some very real functional issues that need to be address if we want to continue to do ministry in our community. Renovate means, “To restore to a former better state (as by cleaning, repairing or rebuilding).”<sup>6</sup> In 2020 we plan to tackle many of the issues that we’ve found in and around our building.

<sup>1</sup> Ellen White, Adventist Home p. 177

<sup>2</sup> Ellen White, Ministry to the Cities p. 55

<sup>3</sup> Cambridge Dictionary

<sup>4</sup> 1 Corinthians 1:10b, NIV

<sup>5</sup> Exodus 25:8, NIV

<sup>6</sup> Merriam-Webster Dictionary