

Knollwood Baptist Church
Sharing God's Reign of Love and Justice
Mission and Service – Our Values

Accompanying

1. Knollwood has a continuing commitment to “doing for” others – providing resources and sometimes labor to those in need. Nevertheless, we place higher priority on mission and service that aims at “doing with” or “responding to” others, working alongside those we wish to assist and respecting their knowledge, goals, and assets.

Developing and Partnering

2. We give priority to efforts that build others’ long-term capacities. We seek to understand and when possible to change complex social systems. We value community partnerships and long-term changes over “quick fixes” and short-term outcomes.

Balancing

3. We honor our congregation’s history of grassroots initiatives and diversified missional efforts both in our community and globally. On one hand, we value focused, intensive, long-term commitments; on the other, we remain open to new efforts that reflect members’ passions, knowledge, and commitments.
4. We seek a balance between an immediate focus on our own community, region, and country and a broad commitment to global missions and service.

Reflecting and Learning

5. We seek to create stronger connections between our doing, our believing, and our praying and worship. That is, we wish to strengthen connections between the missional and the faith formation investments of our congregation. Ultimately, we recognize that we are transformed by being in partnership with others.

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