

Core Values

Mennonite Church of Normal

The core values listed below have been and currently are the operating reality for the Mennonite Church of Normal, having been ratified as recently as 2011 in the document "Discernment and Direction 2011." They are listed here to once again affirm them as part of our identity.

The Mennonite Church of Normal claims the following core values:

- A **personal commitment to Jesus Christ**
- An **Anabaptist-Mennonite identity**, meaning (as referenced in the pamphlet, "What is an Anabaptist Christian," by Palmer Becker):
 - Jesus is the center of our faith
 - Community is the center of our lives
 - Reconciliation is the center of our work
- A denominational affiliation with **Mennonite Church USA**. As such we belong to two regional conferences, reflecting our local history.
- A commitment to **service** to individuals, organizations, and communities locally, nationally, and globally.
- A commitment to **peace** at all levels. This is indicated by our congregational motto adopted in 2003: "*Offering Christ's peace to hearts, homes, community and world*".
- A commitment to **community**. We believe that belonging is important, and we desire that people are connected and included in the life of the congregation (more detailed understandings of these values are stated in the denominational document "Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective")