



# Mission and Structure

## **Mission**

Missio Dei Communities exists to saturate the Valley and world with families of missionary servants — sent as disciples to make, mature, and multiply disciples.

## **Structure**

Missio Dei Communities is structured to support the birth and sustainable health of missional communities. Our focus is not on the advancement of a brand, but rather on intentional investment in seeing missional communities formed, equipped, and flourishing for the sake of our mission.

The Missional Community is the primary organizing structure for MDC. These MCs are grouped into city-specific local Families of Missional Communities. Each Family of Missional Communities is responsible for strategically serving and saturating their city with the gospel under the leadership of a plurality of local elders. Each Family of Missional Communities is a unique expression of the church, sent to embody the Gospel in a particular context.

Here is how leadership and responsibility work out within our structure.

***Everyone*** in the Missio family is responsible for the discipleship of those in their Missional Community.

***MC Leaders*** are responsible for the discipleship of the people in their Missional Communities.

***Local Elders*** are responsible for the shepherding of their Family of Missional Communities.

***Leadership Team*** is responsible for the shepherding of all the Families of Missional Communities.

## **The Boundaries that Unify Missio Dei Communities**

Like the boundaries of a property define the space within which a house can be designed and built, these four boundaries define the space within which the local congregations have the freedom to contextualize and cultivate a unique church community.

**01 Missional Communities** as the primary organizing structure of the local congregation. We believe that in order of us to be faithful to the work God has called us to do we must continue organizing Missio Dei Communities in MC's.

**02 Doctrine** provides the unifying foundation for mission. Therefore, it is critical that our leaders and members affirm the same core beliefs. Our doctrinal statement can be found [here](#).

**03 Covenant Relationship** Missio Dei is one church with multiple localized Families of Missional Communities. As in a marriage, this type of unified relationship provides the security of commitment while requiring mutual sacrifice. In covenant with one another, each congregation is blessed by shared gifts and challenged by shared burdens. Differences - as well as disagreements - provide opportunity for growth as leaders humbly honor one another and learn from one another.

**4 Shared Culture.** Missio Dei Communities has already established a culture or visible set of beliefs. While this will be continually growing as our family grows, we work hard to maintain a consistent cultural connection between all of our families of missionary servants. We do this through:

- Shared language (True Story, Identities, Rhythms, Missional Communities, etc...)
- Shared branding. Branding is not a bad thing. We are committed to telling a cohesive story through the means of design.
- Shared stories. We are committed to sharing the stories from each of our families of missional communities. We are not forming separate identities, but forming a unified family who is multiplying across the Valley.
- Shared life. We are not interested in forming a loose network of likeminded churches, but are wanting to share life together as a family of missionary servants who together bless our cities.

The local elders of each Family of Missional Communities are encouraged with a freedom to plant, equip and nurture their congregations in creative and contextually faithful ways within these four boundaries.