

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OUR MISSION (Why)

“The purpose of the annual conference is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by equipping its local churches for ministry and by providing a connection for ministry beyond the local church; all to the glory of God. (Par. 601)

OUR PRIORITIES (What)

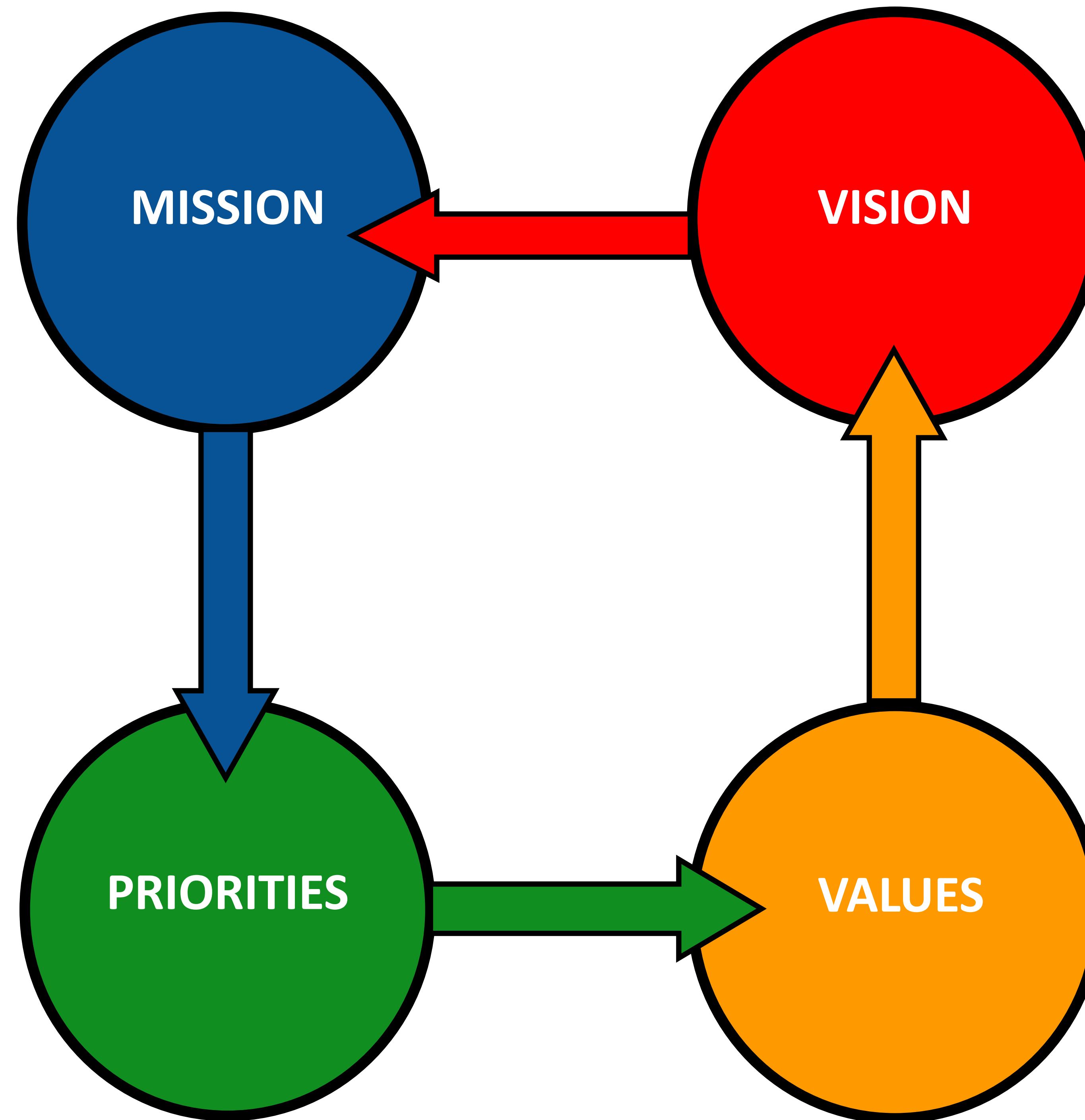
1-Equip both Leaders and Churches:

- With strategies to reach new members.
- To help members grow as disciples.
- To be more effective in community outreach.

2-Resource struggling churches.

3-Rethink how to be vital churches.

4-Cultivate trust within the



OUR VISION (Where)

“Making and supporting vital Christians in vital congregations that engage with their communities and the world for peace, justice and mercy”.

OUR VALUES (How)

- Focus on mission
- Evaluation, accountability and support for growth
- Experimentation and risk-taking (with room for failure) for the purpose of learning
 - Transparency honesty and graciousness with each other
 - Safe spaces for sharing
 - Building relationships
- Providing resources/services closer to the local church
- Fostering and celebrating diversity (as a conference, in our community and in the world)