

Faith Mennonite Church's 10 Essential Communal Values identified by the congregation in Fall 2021

The % reflects the # of FMCers who endorsed this statement.

- 1. Contextual Awareness/Missional Engagement:** Connecting the call of Jesus to contemporary issues of justice and peace, developing strategies to engage in what God is doing to restore Shalom. **80%**
- 2. Leadership:** Practicing healthy ways of living with congregational differences, working at conflict resolution, problem-solving, and communal decision-making processes. **56%**
- 3. Anabaptist/Mennonite Story, Theology, Practice:** Embracing the priesthood of all believers by sharing leadership among congregational members. **49%**
- 4. Contextual Awareness/Missional Engagement:** Members being personally engaged in the community, working with community groups, local ecumenical groups, and interfaith efforts. **49%**
- 5. Christian Spirituality/Discipleship:** Understanding the Christian formation needs of the congregation and developing opportunities for growth and transformation. **49%**
- 6. Anabaptist/Mennonite Story, Theology, Practice:** Congregation members identifying our spiritual gifts and empowering each other for the use of these gifts in ministry within and beyond the church. **46%**
- 7. Contextual Awareness/Missional Engagement:** Connecting gifts and capacities of the congregation to needs of persons outside the church – creating space for new people to enter into and connect to the congregation. **46%**
- 8. Self-awareness, Emotional Health, and Pastoral Care:** Visiting fellow members in the hospital, emergency situations, and long-term care facilities – informing other members of opportunities to provide mutual support and care. **46%**
- 9. Self-awareness, Emotional Health, and Pastoral Care:** Practicing rituals of commitment, transition, and healing with individuals, family, and congregation (infant dedication, baptism, weddings, funerals, communion, footwashing, etc.). **46%**
- 10. Anabaptist/Mennonite Story, Theology, Practice:** Having a working knowledge of Anabaptist history and theology and its implications for contemporary questions and challenges. **41%**