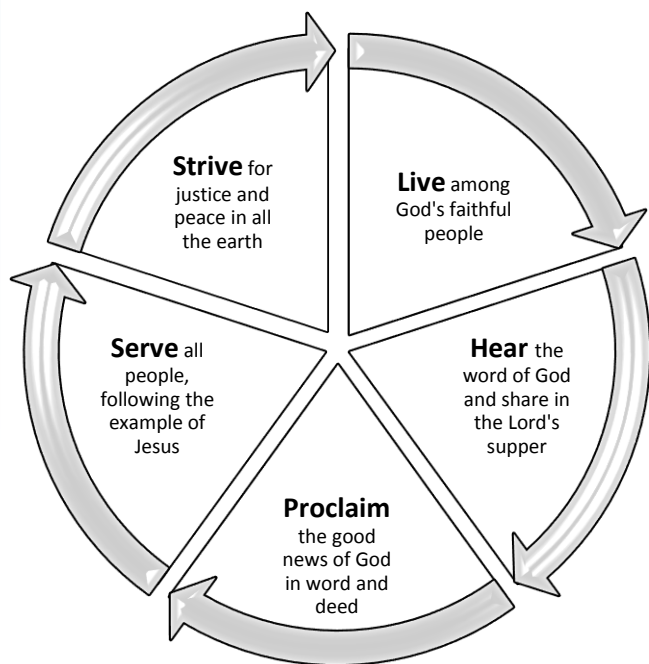


## Affirmation of Baptism

## Handout #1

Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:  
to **live** among God's faithful people,  
to **hear** the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to **proclaim** the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to **serve** all people, following the example of Jesus,  
to **strive** for justice and peace in all the earth?

**RESPONSE: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**



## FIVE GIFTS OF DISCIPLESHIP

### Inner Gifts:

**LIVE** among God's faithful people

**HEAR** the word of God and **SHARE** in the Lord's supper

### Outer Gifts:

**PROCLAIM** the good news of God in Christ through word and deed

**SERVE** all people, following the example of Jesus

**STRIVE** for justice and peace in all the earth

## How are these gifts to be used?

Each of the five gifts of discipleship has the potential to deepen our understanding of what it means to follow Jesus. The Holy Spirit provides these gifts of discipleship with each of the five gifts flowing and overlapping with the others.

On a daily basis, we are invited to live, hear, share, proclaim, serve, and strive—in the name of Christ. God guides and shapes us in the living of our baptism in the newness of life in Christ as we practice our faith each day. These five gifts help us to practice our faith and serve as a reminder of who has claimed us in baptism.

If we do not practice faith, it is easy to get confused, complacent, chase other dreams, lose focus, and wander away from God's calling—not reflecting our new life in Christ and the love of God. It is God's work, but our hands as we are sent out into the world to be a visible witness to the love of Christ.



## LIVING OUR **BAPTISM**...*Five gifts of discipleship*

Gracious God,  
Send your Holy Spirit. Awaken in me the gifts of discipleship:  
to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Amen.



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