

## Mission Statement and Developing Vision and Strategic Objectives

"The basis of the Church's existence and mission is that the redeeming will of God has become manifest in Christ. The Church, therefore, is both a part and a tool of God's mission. The community of the Church is meant to be a sign of the kingdom of God, to be its forerunner and supporter in the world with the help of its congregations, which preach the Gospel of Christ to the world both with words and deeds. The organization of the Church, the structure that provides the framework for the communities of congregations, must be a tool and mediator of the Gospel's role as the provider of values, identity and community."

/Mission Statement from the Revision Committee proposal adopted during the RCH General Synod, 13th Synod cycle, 11th Synod session/

### **Future Prospects:**

Our main goal in the upcoming decades is that the Reformed Church in Hungary can preach God's love, justice and grace, claim it, and help the changing Hungarian society struggling against secularization, individualism and social tension, to experience it. Therefore, our Church would like to operate as a renewed, accepting, serving community living in unity and pursuing ecumenical co-operating with other denominations through its devoted, creative members and pastors who experience the Christian spirit.

1. Deepen the missionary identity in congregations (regarding the training and further education of pastors, elders and congregational co-workers).
2. Prepare and enforce the missionary aspects in the service related to youth and children.
3. Deepen the reformed missionary identity of our institutions.
4. Build nationwide spiritual network providing pastoral care to support the health of pastors and congregations.
5. Raise awareness to experience the importance of the values of God's Kingdom: offer Christian answers for the challenges rooting from a changing society and the shift in its values.
6. Examine the possibilities offered by new IT- communication; rethink and renew our communication in order to reach society more effectively as well.
7. Prepare the Reformed Church in Hungary's alternative concepts regarding its structural renewal – to support the missionary devotion and make it function more effectively as a public Church.
8. Create a system in our Church community supporting honesty, transparency, greater trust, and encouragement to take more responsibility for one another.

*/Source: Charter of the Mission Strategy/*