

**Discussed at 7.7.2025 Elder mtg.**

**Shared the Unity in Diversity draft mission statement with the Kaelble's.**

They are not desiring to stand up in front of an audience and teach. Nor are they interested in changing anyone's mind related to topics on diversity. Although they may not envision themselves as leaders, they do however have a vision for Unity in Diversity. Since the STL region has a rich history of diversity and over the years has overcome many challenges, they will use the regional landscape as one of the primary tools for learning about diversity. While it is good to acknowledge the success, there are still many opportunities for finding Unity in Diversity in the MX body and across the region. They will provide opportunities for interested parties to become more familiar with the different neighborhoods in the region, listen and have healthy discussion about diversity. For example, take a group trip to Crown Candy for lunch. Take time to learn more about the Delmar Divide. Provide opportunities for interested parties to become more familiar with the history of East STL.

They envision opportunities to do volunteerism with organizations like Habitat for Humanity. Outside the region, they are open to organizing a trip to Memphis to visit the MLK museum, while there, plan to visit Ted Crigler at Highland COC.

Prison Ministry is also an area where they will provide opportunities for others to learn about and potentially work with those looking for a second chance.

As followers of Christ, they see themselves as activist and advocate for those whose voices are dismissed or silent.