

St. Stephen's Proposed WHY Statement

1. St. Stephen Orthodox Church exists to inspire all to live with grace and power (Acts 6:8) in the light of Jesus Christ.
2. To grow the Orthodox Church by teaching and living the unchanged Faith of the Apostles, while encouraging others to embrace the Faith of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.
3. To provide the time-tested path to salvation.
4. To know, declare, and live in Jesus Christ in love and unity.
5. Embracing the wisdom of the ancient church to spread the unending Love of Jesus Christ to our modern world.
6. To honor God, serve others, and thus be happy, joyous, and free.
7. St. Stephen's exists to nurture transformation in our hearts, that others may be transformed through us.
8. To Teach and Inspire Parishioners so they desire to be a martyr for Christ.
9. Saint Stephen's exists to encourage one another to stay strong and courageous on their pilgrimage towards everlasting life.
10. To become the true image of Christ so that all may see Him and come to salvation in Him.
11. To be radically faithful to the original Christian teaching handed down to Christ's Church, making dedicated disciples of all those who seek the salvation of their souls.

12. Be a place where we encounter God and are transformed into disciples and faithful members of the Body of Christ.
13. We exist to be a loving and embracing Orthodox community, rooted in the ancient faith of the Church, where people are supported, formed, and strengthened in their journey with Christ in an ever-changing world.
14. To be disciples of Christ so that we may glorify God.
15. We bring heaven to earth through worship and fellowship so that all may know God.
16. To bring all to the knowledge of Christ so that Christ may be glorified in all and by all.
17. To share Christ's love with compassion and purpose so that all will enter the kingdom of heaven.
18. Welcoming all to join in communion and friendship with God and man; embarking on a journey of salvation, joy, healing and purpose.
19. Provide a place to experience the love of Christ during your spiritual transformation journey through the sacramental life of the church.
20. To be a refuge for all of God's children, offering peace, comfort, healing, and transformation, so that we might be reunited with Jesus Christ our Savior through eternal life.
21. To provide an English service/community so that the people searching can easily understand and communicate (ask questions).
22. To live out the gospel in its fullness as to inspire the world to follow Christ.
23. To love one another through Christ and inspire a joyful life with purpose.

24. To cultivate a community of genuine worship, spiritual growth, and warm fellowship so that people grow into a deeper relationship with God.
25. To create a welcoming and united environment for others to seek, find, or pursue Christ with the full support of the church for the sake of their salvation and our own.
26. To celebrate the original and unchanging Orthodox Christian faith through prayer, repentance, love, and belief in the Holy Trinity.
27. Growing together in Christ to be granted everlasting life with Him in His Kingdom