



# Dakotas Conference

The United Methodist Church



**Grow. Reach. Heal.**

## The Dakotas Conference: Who We Are

### Our Mission

Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

### Our Vision

For every congregation to become a vital expression of the scriptural imperatives to:

#### Grow in Love of God and Neighbor

*The Great Commandment  
(Matthew 22:37-40, NIV)*

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.”

#### Reach New People

*The Great Commission  
(Matthew 28:19-20, NIV)*

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

#### Heal a Broken World

*The Great Proclamation  
(Luke 4:16-21, NIV)*

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

### Our Values

#### Jesus

Jesus is our Lord and Savior that guides us. We look to learn and understand His ways and live a Christ-like life. Jesus, the One who teaches us to love our neighbor as ourselves, to love our enemies, and welcome the stranger. The Wesleyan way begins with Jesus.

#### Mission

We are called as United Methodist to build God’s Kingdom. We seek to be like Jesus, a divergent leader, a risk-taker, embracing diversity and live like the disciples: coming from a convergent world and following a divergent leader focusing on one thing – the mission.

#### Connection

We are a connected family of God that values our relationships. Through our connection, we are building a culture of generosity and multiplication, investing in the spiritual life of the next generation, with civility and respect.