# Florida Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church: Core Ideology

## **Purpose**

Together we are disciples of Jesus Christ in the Wesleyan tradition called to participate in God's saving work in the world.

## **Core Values**

- We love God and search the Scriptures to hear and obey God's Word.
- We welcome and serve all people, particularly the poor and marginalized, as an expression of God's love for us.
- We desire everyone to experience a life of worship and joy in God's presence by faith in Jesus Christ.
- We are changed by the power of the Holy Spirit as we learn to follow Jesus.
- We believe that changed people are called to change their communities by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- We believe all disciples are called to discover their gifts and to live out their unique mission.
- We share our faith in the context of authentic relationships.
- Because we follow Jesus together, we have a responsibility to hold one another accountable for our discipleship.

### **Vision**

Being changed in Christ, making a change in the world.

### **Mission**

The mission of the Florida Conference is to connect and equip congregations in making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Therefore, we:

- · Start and nurture missional communities of faith
- Develop effective servant leaders for the church and the world
- Provide services that support congregations and extension ministries
- Connect congregations and resources for ministries that we do better together