

## **RCH Mission Statement and Developing Vision and Strategic Objectives**

### **Mission Statement**

"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 partaker and an instrument in God's mission. The community of the Church is called to be a sign, foretaste and servant of the kingdom of God in the world through its congregations and church members, who proclaim 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 community of the congregations, must be a tool and medium of the communication of the Gospel creating values, identity and community."

(Mission Statement from the Revision Committee proposal adopted during the RCH General Synod in 2012)

### **Vision Statement**

Our main objective in the upcoming decades is that the Reformed Church in Hungary shall proclaim, demonstrate God's love, justice and grace in the changing Hungarian society struggling against secularization, individualism and social tension. Therefore, our Church would like to be an ever renewing community through the service of its devoted, creative members and pastors (men and women) living out the Christian spirituality, an accepting community serving in unity and in ecumenical cooperation with other denominations.

### **Strategic objectives**

1. Strengthen the missionary identity of congregations (regarding the training and further education of pastors, elders and congregational co-workers).
2. Develop and implement the missionary aspects in the ministry related to youth and children.
3. Deepen the reformed missionary identity of our institutions.
4. Build a national network providing spiritual, pastoral and professional care to support the health of pastors and congregations.
5. Raise awareness of the importance of living out the values of God's Kingdom: we 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.
7. Develop alternative concepts for the Reformed Church in Hungary's structural renewal – which support its missionary call 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.

(Vision Statement and Strategic Objectives of the Mission Strategy)