



# MATTHEW 25

As a Matthew 25 Church, we are called to embrace these three areas of focus:

- Building congregational vitality by deepening and energizing our faith and growing as joyful leaders and disciples actively engaged with our community as we share the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed.
- Dismantling structural racism by fearlessly applying our faith to advocate and break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie bias, discrimination and oppression of communities of color.
- Eradicating systemic poverty by acting on our beliefs and working to change laws, policies and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.

While burlpres has been a constant presence in the community and beyond, becoming a Matthew 25 Church makes our actions, intentions and partnerships more intentional.

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.”

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## *About the Matthew 25 Mark*

The circular shape represents unity and equality. Like God, a circle has no beginning and no end, and it symbolizes our continuing effort to help one another. The shape also suggests a globe that points to our engagement with the world.

The three interlocking figures represent the equality of all people without gender or race bias. They have their arms around each other, symbolizing friendship, protection and service. The number three suggests the three focus areas of congregational vitality, structural racism and systemic poverty, as well as the Trinity.

The color palette is bright, lively, friendly and energetic — suggestive of our active commitment.

Finally, the legend "Matthew 25" below the symbol is the literal identification of the mark. We use a handwritten font to make the point that active engagement in the world requires human effort.

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