

## Genuine Community

### What is a sign of a genuine Christian community?

Responses from PLCC congregation on 8/1/21

Worshipping and witnessing together in unity to God

Transparency of emotions, vulnerabilities, difficulties

A church which is equipped and is equipping

Healing and recovery in multiple areas, and members who pursue the same

A church in which confession to peers (of difficulties and character challenges) is a high value and practice

Reaching out to welcome newcomers; care for the local/global community in practical ways

Unity, transparency, authenticity, grace

Accepting of others (whether Christian or not)

The presence of the Holy Spirit among us

Connecting through small groups

Forgiveness, grace

Grace, mercy, and forgiveness towards each other in the face of frustration

Love and servanthood, a heart of servanthood

Lifting each other up, mending and growing each other to His fullness

People in a church family who want to spend time together, living and learning with everyone, not just their own cliques and friends

Selfless giving as worship

The Bible is preached and taught

Christ and biblically centered teaching without personal or political opinion involved

In-depth study of the Bible together

Teamwork reaching out to the greater community

Love for one another, no judgement, acceptance, worshipping together

Love toward those around me; love towards other, because of the love the Father has toward us

Always point each other to Jesus. Pray for one another. Support and encourage—through meals, prayer, and walking alongside in joys and trials

Love and gratitude

Love, biblical teaching, just Jesus, not Jesus and something

Loving each other although we are of different races, wealth (or lack of it), and following Jesus together

Loving and accepting all people; supporting those in need

Love

Listening

Everything is centered in Jesus Christ!

People that care about you unconditionally, are willing to help out and willing to pray for you

Mutual care – spiritual, physical, emotional; encouragement!

Called together by God. The love of God pours out through its members.

All people being in loving relationships that welcome those who are hurting, broken or just need to feel the love of God through His people.

The members love inward, outward and around. There are no boundaries to their “neighborhood.”

Genuine care for one another; passion and urgency to be Jesus in the world, to make him known.

Bible as ultimate truth

Praying for one another, caring, loving, meeting one another’s needs

Love, acceptance, respect for others

Love, stewardship, fellowship

Evidence that others care for others and the neighborhood around them

Supporting those in need

Love between one another, expressed through prayer, gathering, breaking of bread and caring for one another

Love in the community; reaching out within our local community (Sammamish, Issaquah, Redmond, North Bend, Duvall, etc.) in love, caring and discipleship

Openly welcome and loving each other regardless of status, race or any other differences

Christian people serving the community, their neighbors, and caring (genuinely) for and about others

Invitations to fellowship and service; loving and listening to one another and respecting one another

Love and care for one another