

## **Intern Values**

These things are living and dynamic. Rather than having attained anything we wrestle with them daily in the process of our lives together.

**Dependence** We seek to be ever mindful that apart from Him we can do nothing. God is our provider. He is our counselor. He is the fountain of living water where our souls are restored, our perspective renewed, and our strength finds its source. We are dependant on Him to purify us of our misconceptions about who we are and what is important as He reveals to us our new identity as His children.

**Prayer** It is necessary for us to be met and transformed by Him in daily prayer.

**Community** It is easy to think of ourselves first as individuals. Out of this can come feelings of being wronged or frustrated by others. It is easy to take sides against one another and feel that our viewpoint is the most important. God has given us an identity as the body of Christ, however, and so we know that we are no longer isolated individuals each working for our own best interests, but a whole. Each of us has a lacking that, if we are willing to allow it, can be filled by the strengths of others, and each of us have strengths that are essential for us to offer to the whole. 1 Cor 12:12-26

**Humility** We are called to think of others as more important than ourselves and to realize this in serving one another.

**Freedom** Realizing that we are all in a lifetime process of being refined by God we seek to refrain from making our own judgments against one another. We each have our own walk with God to which we are ultimately accountable to Him for. We seek to meet each other with longsuffering and compassion.

**Honesty** We strive to live our lives open before one another sharing our troubles and frustrations, bearing one another's burdens. We seek to learn how to confront one another in gentleness and truth. We further seek to have good communication with each other.

**Simplicity** We desire to live simply for the sake of those around us and around the world.

**Rest** We believe that our value lies solely in our identity as beloved children of God and not in what we do or contribute or how successful or talented we are. It is important for each of us to find solitude with our God in prayer, reflection, meditation and study. (our physical/emotional needs) We need to realize that true rest is not time wasted or time away from work but time to simply be our Father's children.

**Hospitality** Hospitality springs forth from a spirit of generosity. We live together in an understanding that what we have is only what God has provided. Therefore we are responsible to Him to use that which He has given us, be it little or much, for His purposes. Christ tells us in Matthew 10:8, "Freely you have received, freely give." Therefore we open our homes and our tables to others so that they also might receive blessing through God's provision. "Practice Hospitality." Rom 12:13

**Celebration** We value times of celebration to remember the blessings we have from God and in each other.