

# OUR VISION

*A Harlem where everyone is dignified and unified,  
because justice, love and mercy are present.*



# OUR MISSION

*Building Bridges that Lead to Reconciliation.*

This speaks of both vertical and horizontal reconciliation. Vertical reconciliation with God and horizontal reconciliation with one another.



# CORE VALUES

## **CHURCH FOR THE UNCHURCHED:**

God has called us to be a family that's all about people meeting Jesus. We are less concerned about maintaining the nets of tradition and more concerned about people having a life-altering encounter with Jesus and experiencing His love for them. We started this church for people who believe in God but don't believe in church.

## **SAVING SOULS AND BODIES:**

The Gathering is a church that is deeply committed to the work of justice. Too often the church has built ministries that are geared towards saving souls, but not bodies. We believe that Jesus resurrected with a body, and that image transforms everything that we do as a church. It means that Jesus dignified life in the body, both on earth and now in glory. So we fight to be a church that's on the front lines of conversations, movements, and strategies that will dignify and save souls and bodies.

## **UNITY THROUGH DIGNITY AND DIVERSITY:**

One of the greatest gifts that God has given us is diversity. He's made us all with different skin colors, genders, languages, and cultures, and yet so often the world has only dignified the dominant narrative. We believe in the beauty of the other, and we are a family that's committed to the work of dignifying that which is different. We want our church to look like Heaven, and that's what we will build until Jesus returns.

