

The Vision of Crossway Multinational Church (form 1)

Our Vision

Doctrine (truth) Welcoming and transforming

Devotion (relationship) the peoples of many nations

Duty (action) to be united in the praise of God in Christ

Church

So we have two expressions of our vision. We'll look at them in two parts. So this is the first one. Our vision is:

**Welcoming and transforming the peoples of many nations
to be united in the praise of God in Christ.**

So this expresses this vision of us as a church that is focused on Jesus Christ. And it's to the praise of God, God the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, in Christ. And it is our vision, our plan, our desire is to be united in this. That's what unites us, is Jesus Christ, and our knowledge of Him and our praise for Him.

In that, we want to welcome the peoples of many nations. We want to be a place where we come together, from different places, and yet are united in this. And it's also a place where we want to be transformed. As we are welcomed in Christ, we are welcomed as we are. And yet not to stay as we are.

And so we as a church also want to welcome people as we are and we want to spur each other on in growth in Christ. And so then, it is very intentional for us to be looking at peoples from many nations. And in fact we would love to be a church of people from all nations, but that's the vision of heaven. Until then we would, without restriction, want to invite and welcome and transform peoples for many nations, from any nation they might come, to be a part of who we are.

And we're intentional about the "s" on peoples. So we recognize that each country is not monolithic. There is not just one category of people, that there are many differences. And so we want to recognize, within any country, within any nation, that there are multiple groups of

people. And sometimes these groups go across country lines. Wherever people are from, however they identify in this, we want to welcome and transform people to be united in the praise of God in Christ for his glory.

Reflection Questions

- How are “Welcoming” and “Transforming” different from each other? What does it look like to pursue both in the same community?
- What is the significance of the “s” on “peoples” for you?
- Why is a united voice important for praising God? How is that different from a “uniform” voice?
- What “Duty” flows from this expression of our vision?