

# MISSION, VALUES, AND PURPOSE

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## Bethel University Mission and Values

### Mission

Boldly informed and motivated by the Christian faith, Bethel University educates and energizes women and men for excellence in leadership, scholarship, and service. Bethel is committed to being a world-class Christian university preparing women and men to serve in strategic capacities to renew minds, live out biblical truth, transform culture, and advance the gospel.

### Values

**We are Christ-followers**—orthodox, conversionist, and evangelical; rooted in the authority of Scripture.

**We are character-builders**—concerned with personal and spiritual formation and therefore committed to the development of whole and holy persons.

**We are truth-seekers**—recognizing that all truth has its source in God as revealed in creation and Scripture, and personified in Christ.

**We are learners**—committed to academic excellence within a community characterized by teaching, scholarship, and service.

**We are reconcilers**—honoring the worth and dignity of people from all races and purposely seeking to create a community that reflects the diversity of the body of Christ.

**We are salt and light**—relating to the world and society in culturally relevant ways while being informed by our pietistic denominational heritage and characterized by an irenic spirit.

**We are world-changers**—driven to prepare graduates who will shape and change the world through exemplary leadership in the church and throughout society.

## Graduate School

### Mission

In the context of Christian faith and worldview, the mission of Bethel University's Graduate School is to equip and empower students to become professionals who impact the world.

### Purpose

The Graduate School prepares students for professional service and leadership through quality educational programs that build on the knowledge and competencies students have gained in their undergraduate education and life experience. Graduate students, compared to undergraduate students, are expected to display a higher level of responsibility for their discovery and learning and to enrich the classroom experience with their insights and leadership.

The graduate programs at Bethel:

- Develop reflective practitioners by assisting students to apply theoretical perspectives to issues in the discipline.
- Encourage students to apply a Christian worldview and ethical principles to professional practice.
- Enable students to adopt new approaches and techniques to information management.
- Prepare students to apply critical and creative thinking to decision making.