

Call of the Broken & Beloved Mission Group

What if I truly knew in my deepest self that I am beloved just as I am – with all of my foibles – and always have been?

What if I could fully trust in that knowledge, letting go of self-improvement schemes, romantic fantasies and hopes that external success will somehow make me worthy of love?

What if I knew this to be true for everyone else in the world as well?

We begin from the abiding trust that we are beloved by God. Yet we are also aware of pain in the world – both our own and others'. It is easy to judge ourselves and others as broken, and in need of "fixing." But God is at work in all of us. God's call on our lives is to be channels of God's love to serve and help empower people to connect with the wellness and wholeness that is innately theirs.

The Broken & Beloved Mission Group (B&B) began in late 2003 as the Healers Group/Healing Group. In place of a corporate mission, B&B supports members' entrepreneurial work as healers in the world in various capacities based on our interests and training, which include counseling, mediation, expressive movement, music, peacemaking, bodywork, communication, hospice and facilitation. The group helps us maintain alignment between our work and our calls.

B&B meets every other week for worship, prayer, accountability and deep sharing about developing issues and edges in members' professional practices and personal lives. B&B calls forth a high level of commitment and encourages members to engage in regular spiritual disciplines, including preparation of spirit reports given to the spiritual director. The group goes on retreat twice a year, generally at Still Point, where members share in greater depth and have time to connect with the land and each other. B&B supports Seekers Church by providing reminders that all are beloved, especially in our experiences of brokenness, and by being a resource to the community.

B&B provides a safe space for members to be vulnerable and appreciate our belovedness, while also supporting members in carrying God's love to each person with whom we work, viewing each as a child of God.

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