

# **Working Together—Move Forward!**

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Series: Moving Forward*

*“But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it,  
that there may be no division in the body,  
but that the members may have the same care for one another.”  
1 Corinthians 12:24b–25 ESV*

*“His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth.” Revelation 12:4a ESV  
(References on the number of Angels: Deuteronomy 33:2, Psalm 68:17, Revelation 5:11)*

*“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”  
Ephesians 6:11–12 ESV*

## **Working Together we Move Forward!**

### **Four Keys for Working Together—Moving Forward**

#### **I. Embrace the Diversity of Our Church**

*“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.”  
1 Corinthians 12:12–13 ESV*

#### **Three Features of God’s Design for Our Church**

##### **1. One Body, Many Members**

##### **2. A Work of the Holy Spirit**

*“In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,”  
Ephesians 1:13 ESV*

##### **3. Diversity by God’s Design**

- *Jews and Gentiles*
- *Slave and Free*
- *Male and Female*

*“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”  
Galatians 3:28 ESV*

## **II. I Need to Be A Great Member**

*“For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body.”*  
1 Corinthians 12:14–16 ESV

***My Excuses only Hurts Me and Hinder God’s Work through the Church.***

*“As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions.”* Romans 14:1 ESV

***A Great Member Is One that Puts Their S.H.A.P.E. to Work***

## **III. Get Real About Our Church**

*“If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell?”*  
1 Corinthians 12:17 ESV

*“But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose.”*  
1 Corinthians 12:18 ESV

*“If all were a single member, where would the body be?”*  
1 Corinthians 12:19 ESV

## **IV. We Need Every member**

*“As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.”*  
1 Corinthians 12:20 ESV

*“The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unrepresentable parts are treated with greater modesty,”*  
1 Corinthians 12:21–23 ESV

## **Will I Be A Great Member?**

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1 Corinthians 12:24b–25 ESV