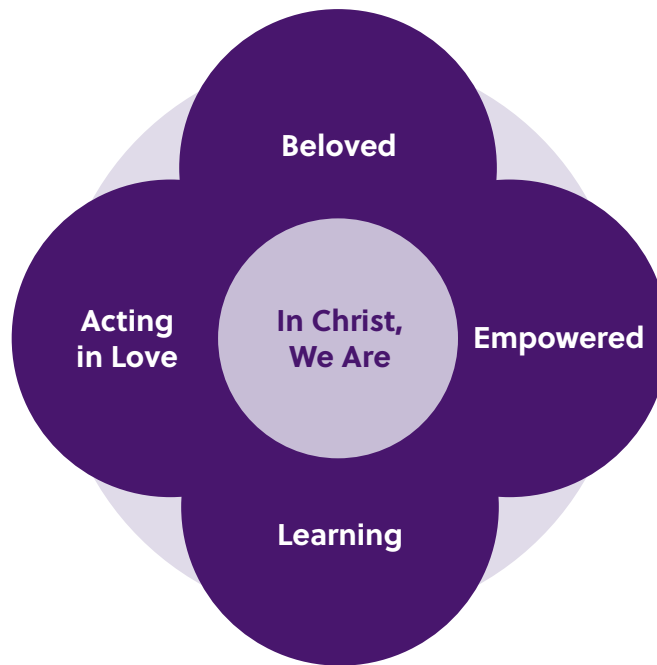


Oriented to Love



As we journey to follow Jesus Christ at Goshen College:

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We are known and we experience in our bodies and souls what it feels like to **be loved** uniquely and treated with dignity.

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We are **empowered** and called to participate in the ongoing abundant life of the Body of Christ.

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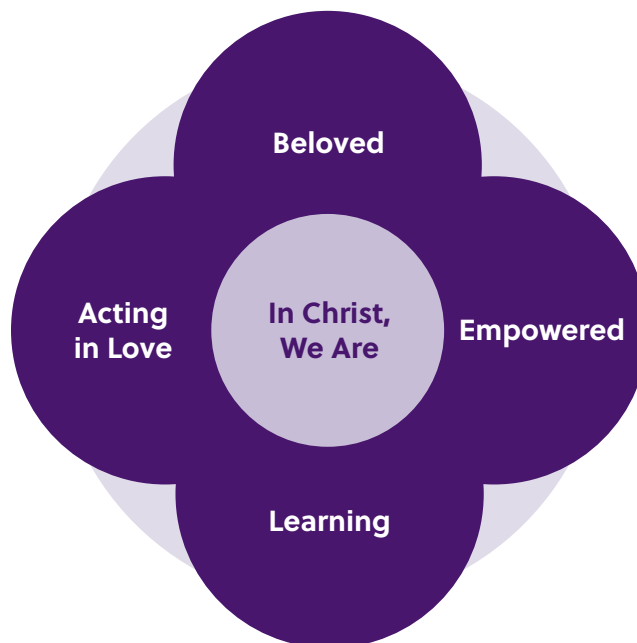
As Jesus' disciples, we continually **learn** with passion and humility, trusting that God reveals and embraces all that is true.

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We practice **love in action** as we follow the way of Jesus.

Framework for Christ-Centeredness at Goshen College

Christ-centeredness at Goshen College means that we orient our lives and the life of our community to the way of Jesus, which is love. As we seek to continually form our students and one another in Christian love, we intentionally develop these dimensions:



The **BELOVED** dimension is expressed in these core affirmations:

- God loves you.
- Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
- Christ offers us forgiveness and calls us to forgive others.
- You are seen and known and treated with dignity in this community.
- Joining together to create the beloved community is both the means and the goal of God's work.

The **EMPOWERED** dimension is expressed in these core affirmations:

- God frees and empowers you to love, to act, to heal, to lead, to create.
- Christ's love is at work in the world and within you.
- You are gifted with a purpose in the ongoing work of Christ's love in the world.
- You can learn to sense God's presence and the leading of the Spirit.
- The way of Jesus is abundant and joyful.

The **LEARNING** dimension is expressed in these core affirmations:

- All of life is a learning opportunity.
- The more you become honestly aware of yourself, the more you are able to love others and use your gifts in the world.
- The Bible, interpreted through the lens of Jesus, convicts, encourages, and transforms.
- Spiritual practices, such as prayer, music, worship and retreats, are tried and true ways to open your mind and learn from the Holy Spirit.
- In Christ all things are reconciled.

The **ACTIVE LOVE** dimension is expressed in these core affirmations:

- God is bringing about Shalom — peace and total well being of body, mind and soul — for all.
- When we follow Jesus the whole world is reordered; No aspect of life is untransformed.
- When we serve people who are marginalized by society, we serve Jesus.
- God calls us to care for one another in mutual aid.
- Christ gives us the ministry of reconciliation.