On November 2-4 2018, a group of 86 volunteers participated in a Strategic Planning Retreat for benefit of the Metropolis and achieved consensus on the following statements of identity & purpose:

**“Why” Statement** (why we exist)
To receive and share unconditional love, mercy, healing and peace, so that life has greater meaning and purpose.

**Mission Statement**
The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago is a Christ-centered community that loves, guides, engages and serves all people.

**Core Values**
- Christ-centered
- Integrity
- Service
- Humility
- Love
- Merciful
- Spiritual development
- Adaptable

**Vision Statement**
In 3-5 years, we will grow our Metropolis family through greater:
- Fellowship & Welcoming
- Accountability
- Ministries & Education
- Innovation
- Leadership
- Involved Youth & Emerging Adults
- Engagement on Critical Issues
- Stewardship

*We need your help!*
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