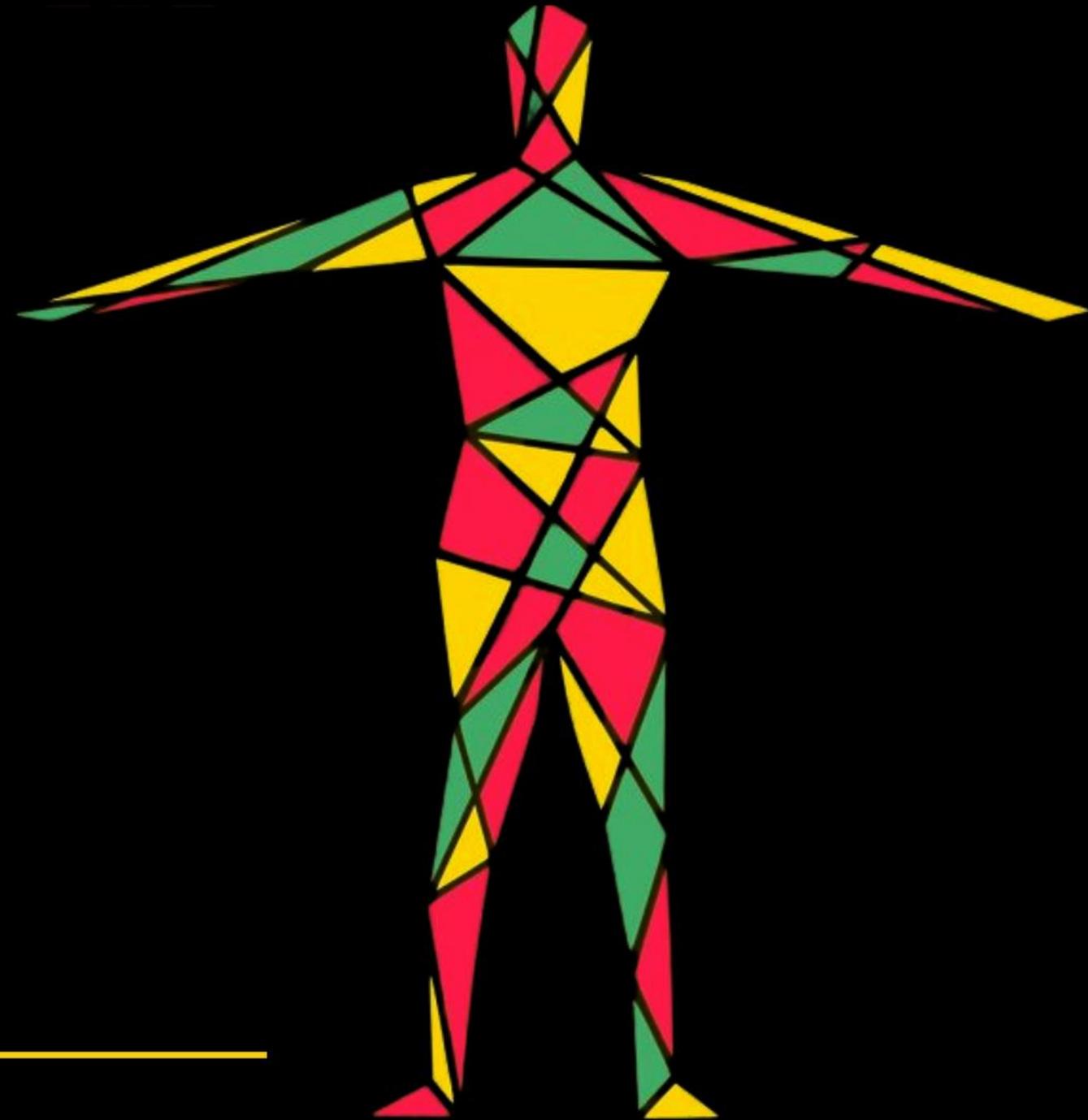


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Romans 12:1-8

*A Living Sacrifice*

**12** Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

Romans 12:1-8

*A Living Sacrifice*

<sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:1-8

*Humble Service in the Body of Christ*

<sup>3</sup> For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

Romans 12:1-8

*Humble Service in the Body of Christ*

<sup>4</sup> For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

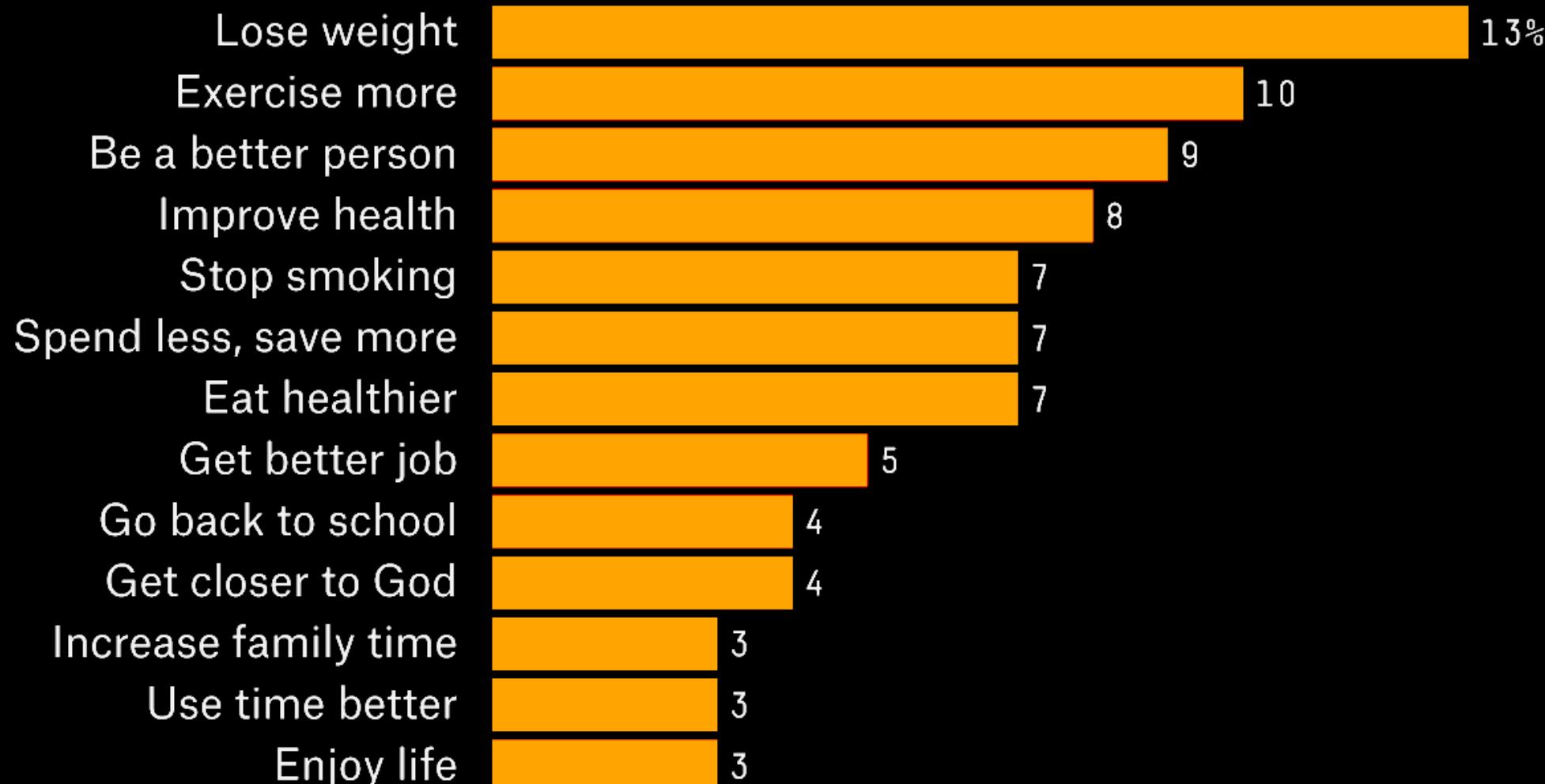
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<sup>6</sup> We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; <sup>7</sup> if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; <sup>8</sup> if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

# Resolutions vs Covenants

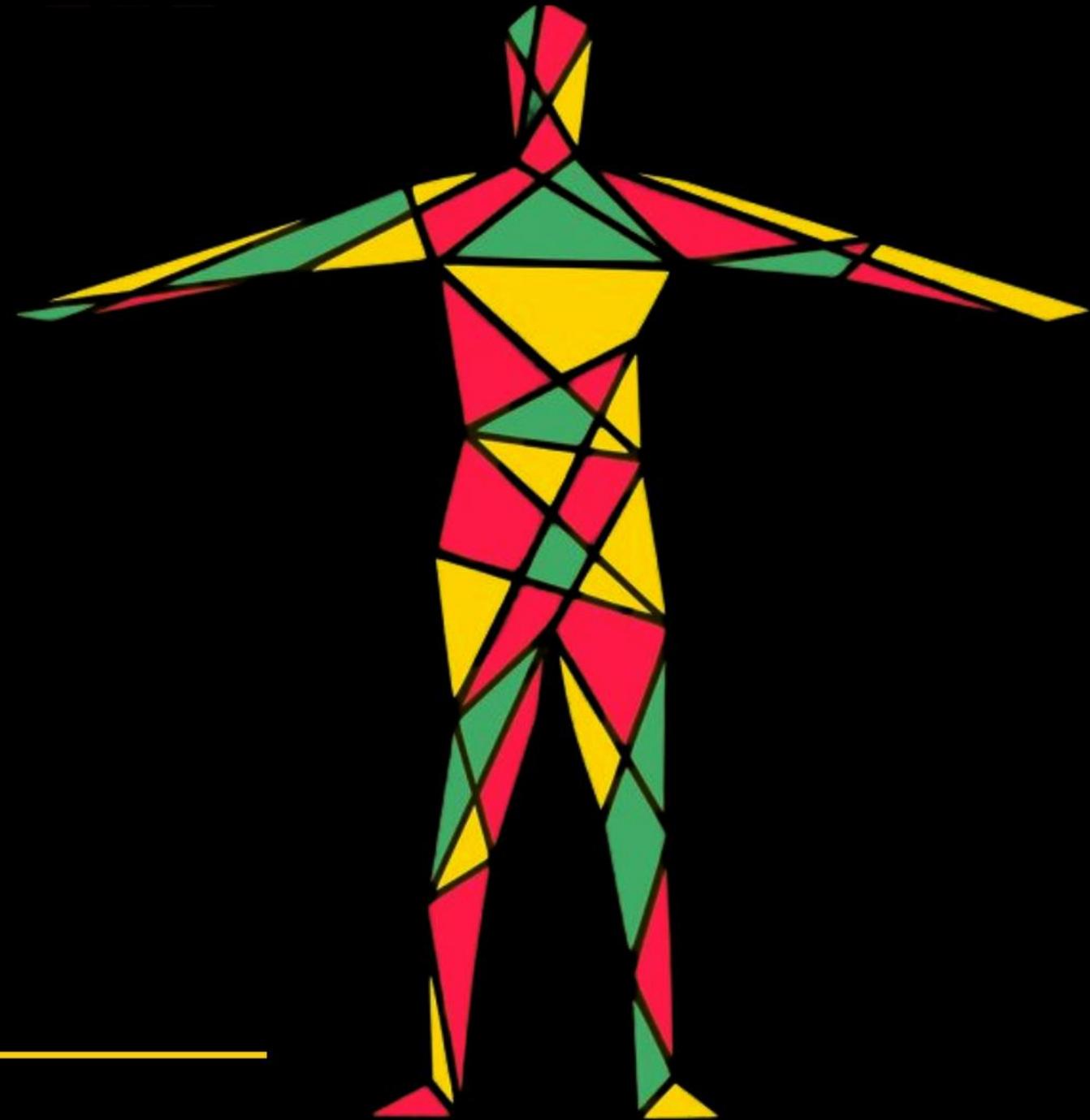
## *Americans' Top Resolutions*



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# Regrounding Our Identity

*Romans 6:4*

<sup>4</sup>We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

# Regrounding Our Identity

*Galatians 2:20*

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

# Regrounding Our Identity

## *1 Peter 2:9*

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

## *1 Peter 5:8*

<sup>8</sup> Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

# Regrounding Our Identity

> We must constantly check that our identity  
is still entirely and exclusively rooted in Christ.

# I Am a Living Sacrifice

*Romans 12:1*

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# I Am a Living Sacrifice

*Jesus paid it all,  
All to Him I owe;  
Sin had left a crimson stain,  
He washed it white as snow.*

# I Am a Living Sacrifice

*1 Corinthians 6:19-20*

<sup>19</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup> you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

# I Am a Living Sacrifice

*Matthew 5:23-24*

<sup>23</sup>Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.

# I Am a Foreigner and Sojourner

*Romans 12:2*

<sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

So•jour•er | 'sō,jərn,ər|

noun (singular)

A temporary resident.

One who lives in a place for a brief or finite period of time.

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ORIGIN Middle English: from Old French *sojourner*, based on Latin *sub-* 'under' + late Latin *diurnum* 'day'.

# I Am a Foreigner and Sojourner

Sodom (A city of sin)	A city on a hill	Mt 5:14
Child of darkness	A Child of light	1 Th 5:5
Adulterer	United, One Flesh	Ge 2:24
Friend of the World	Friend of God	Jm 4:4
Servant of Money	Servant of God	Mt 6:4

# I Am a Foreigner and Sojourner

> We reject conformity to the world's pattern in order to accept transformation according to God's good, pleasing, and perfect will.

# I Am a Part of the Unified Body of Christ

*Romans 12:4-5*

<sup>4</sup> For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function,<sup>5</sup> so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

# I Am a Part of the Unified Body of Christ

## *Imagery Used to Describe the Church*

Family Eph 2:19, Gal 6:10, 1 Tim 5:1

Bride Rev 21:9, Rev 19:7-8, Eph 5:31-32

Temple Heb 3:6, Eph 2:19-22, 1 Pet 2:5, 1 Cor 6:19

Light Matt 5:16-17, Acts 13:47, Eph 5:8, Phil 2:15-16

Flock Lk 12:32, Jn 10:16, Acts 20:28-29, 1 Pet 5:2-3

Body Rom 12:4-5, 1 Cor 10:17, 1 Cor 12:12, Eph 4:12,  
Eph 5:23, Eph 5:30, Col 1:24

# I Am a Part of the Unified Body of Christ

- > *We must tread carefully in our body life and live in this holy tension,*
- > *recognizing God's craftsmanship and eternal intention behind both our diversity and unity.*

# I Am a Part of the Unified Body of Christ

*John 17:20-21*

<sup>20</sup> My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,  
<sup>21</sup> that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

# Membership Covenant

*With the help of God and this community of faith,  
we covenant to practice together the following  
commitments:*

# We commit ourselves to a life of discipleship.

- We desire to grow as followers of Jesus, giving ourselves to learning, repentance and obedience.
- We will practice a life of prayer, Bible study, and thankfulness.
- We strive to live with faithfulness and integrity in our daily lives and work, recognizing the need for watchfulness and godly choices.

# We commit ourselves to a life of worship.

- We meet together regularly to honor and glorify God, through songs, prayer, teaching, Bible study, fellowship, and other forms of worship.
- We share the goodness and abundance of God's riches through stewardship of our time, spiritual gifts, tithes and offerings– to further God's work in our congregation and bless others.

# We commit ourselves to a life of love.

- We choose to be actively involved in fellowship groups within the congregation, where we can experience meaningful relationships, support, prayer and accountability.
- We strive to keep the unity of the Spirit, by living in reconciled relationships, giving and receiving counsel, practicing forgiveness, and bearing each other's burdens.
- We practice hospitality by welcoming others into our lives and homes.

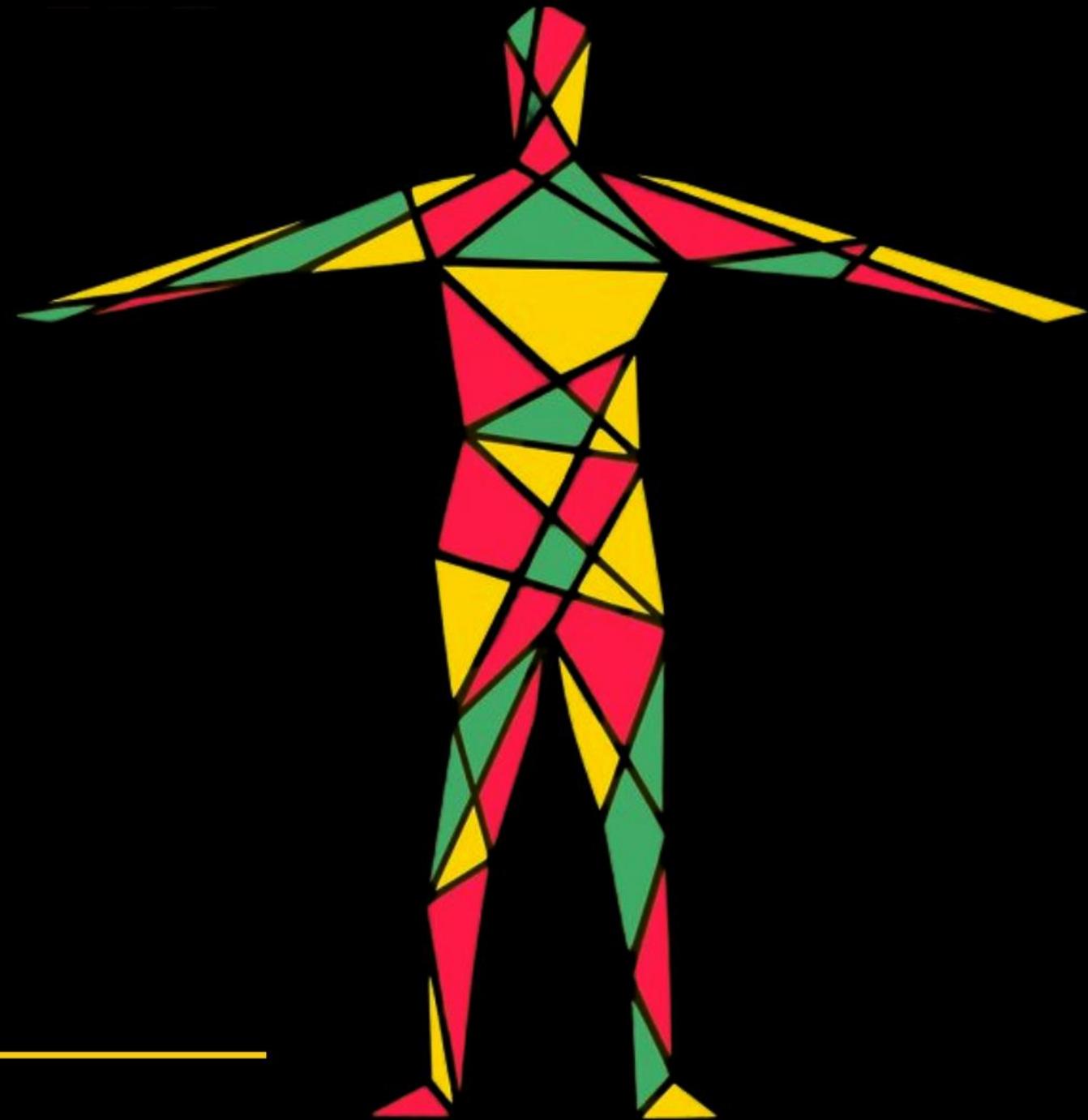
# We commit ourselves to a life of ministry.

- We strive to be faithful witnesses for Christ, by our actions and words.
- We desire to be ambassadors of Christ's peace, in all areas of life.
- We recognize our interdependence with the larger body of Christ, by serving and reaching out to others for building the Kingdom of God.

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# Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

## Blue Hymnal #307

Will you let me be your servant  
Let me be as Christ to you  
Pray that I might have the grace  
To let you be my servant too

We are pilgrims on the journey

We are travellers on the road

We are here to help each other

Walk the mile and bear the load

I will weep when you are weeping  
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
Till we've seen this journey through

When we sing to God in heaven  
we shall find such harmony  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

Will you let me be your servant  
Let me be as Christ to you  
Pray that I might have the grace  
To let you be my servant too