

Allegany Franciscan Ministries' Vision

The communities we serve will become ever more just, equitable, and caring; everyone in our communities will be welcomed and have the resources to thrive.



Allegany Franciscan Ministries' board of directors and staff team developed this vision statement in 2021. It was created out of deep thinking about our future, about what matters to us and to our community, about what our partners have said they want from us and what they think we do best.

While we have always been guided by Allegany's [Mission and Values](#), our team wanted to establish a vision that would serve as a guidepost for the future, to describe what we aspire to and what the world will look like if we achieve our mission. As an organization that has always been focused on relationships and community, our vision developed as a statement about how communities - how people - would be *in relationship* to one another. Elements of our vision include:

- **The communities we serve:** While through our history we've primarily served six Florida counties, with some statewide work as well as a deep focus on specific communities, our vision keeps the door open to partner with other communities.
- **Will become ever more:** Communities and relationships are not static, recognized in the vision by the statement that communities will "become ever more just, equitable, and caring"; we strive for continuous improvement, in an ongoing journey.
- **Just:** Social conditions that promote both the common good and the good of every individual. A just community embraces change and makes choices that promote healthy communities, nurture Earth, and protect future generations.
- **Equitable:** Having equity. **Equity:** Making sure all people have fair opportunities and resources to achieve their full potential, creating communities that feel physically, mentally, spiritually at a common level. In an equitable community, systemic, preventable, avoidable, and unjust social and economic policies and practices do not create barriers to opportunity.

- **Caring:** A community that prioritizes the common good, looks out for those unable to care for themselves, and asserts the intrinsic worth of every person. People feel a sense of solidarity, that they are not alone.
- **Everyone in our communities will be welcomed:** Ensuring that every single person is actively welcomed and feels that they belong; people will feel valued and accepted.
- **Everyone will have the resources to thrive:** In our communities, every single person has the freedom, access, and opportunity to flourish.



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