



Hope Church is an RCA church located on 77 West 11th Street, 2 blocks from the Hope College campus.

The mission of Hope Church is...

TO GROW IN FAITH: We seek to grow not only in numbers but, most importantly, in depth of Christian commitment. We seek to identify and engage each person's particular gifts and to direct all our gifts in faithfulness to God's Word.

TO PIONEER: Founded as a pioneering congregation, Hope Church is willing to experiment courageously and to press ahead in new directions. We continue to seek creativity and excellence in worship, nurture, governance, and outreach.

TO BE OPEN: We celebrate and proclaim God's welcome of all people. Hope Church is blessed and strengthened by the rich diversity of background, race, gender, sexual orientation, culture, gifts, and interests present among and around us. **TO LEAD IN CHRISTIAN ACTION:** Hope Church is committed to service, both locally and worldwide, and we support the work of justice and compassion by all people of good will. We serve both as a congregation and individually through our daily living.

In addition, Hope Church has a vibrant ministry serving the Holland and Hope College LGBTQIA communities. Hope Church ministers to the LGBTQIA in many ways including...

- Being the only Midwest member of Room for All (RfA), a community of Christ-followers in the Reformed Church in America. RfA's vision and mission statements indicate our commitment to the welcome and affirmation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people and their allies, while pursuing grace-filled dialogue with those who believe differently
- Celebrating the gifts of LGBTQIA people, including empowering them as leaders on consistory and as pastors
- Supporting Globe by providing snacks at their meetings
- Giving pastoral and mentoring support individually and in small group settings, including an ordained pastor designated in part for Hope College students, Rev. Beth Carroll
- Offering financial support to LGBTQIA students for spiritual retreats and self-care
- Providing meeting space for student LGBTQIA organizations