WHY are we called to be the United Church of Christ in this time and place? To live into God's extravagant welcome and advocate for justice. So that all know love, safety, belonging and dignity.

How the Nebraska Conference UCC will live into our "why" statement above:

<u>Connecting:</u> Cherishing and loving our churches for who they are and who they are becoming

• Listen, respond, and be a physical presence

Giving Voice: Amplifying the voices of the unheard

• Educate, lobby, and stand in solidarity with all God's creation

<u>Reaching Out to All:</u> Going to others, without waiting for them to come to us

Help churches to imagine the possibilities of unimagined connections

Ensuring Safety:

• Live out safe church policies with safe behaviors, inclusive language, unconditional acceptance

Equipping: Resourcing and looking for creative solutions

• Help the local church find what it needs to thrive