

# SUMMARY

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## Our Purpose, Values, and Strategy– and How It All Ties Together



## WHY WE EXIST

This section provides clarity around our mission and vision, or, who we are and why we we're here.



## **HOW WE WORK**

Our core values, or Team DNA, is delineated and discussed as well as its impact on daily life at the credit union.



## HOW WE ALIGN

These components are both interrelated and interdependent, and we'll dig into that here.



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## WHY WE EXIST

It's imperative to have clarity around our "why."

Internally, our mission and long-term vision is what helps our team and volunteers understand why what we do here matters, and what we are becoming.

Externally, our purpose plays a critical role in preventing us from becoming commoditized within our field of membership.

#### OUR MISSION

To improve our communities and the financial lives of our members.

#### OUR VISION

MCCU is THE member-owned banking solution for those who are focused on living better lives, creating their own paths to success, and building a better community. Whether starting up, starting out, or starting over, MCCU connects members to their passions, hobbies, and financial goals.

## **HOW WE WORK**

Our "core values" serve as a set of principles that guide the dayto-day life inside our organization. They are the set of collective organizational attributes that govern our actions, attitudes, and behaviors; makes us unique; and essentially answers the question, "How do we do life here at MCCU?"

These values integrate into hiring, retaining, and developing our team for years to come and serve as behavioral guideposts for our organization, and are collectively owned by all employees and volunteers. These values can be identified, demonstrated, taught, coached, recognized, and even shared externally. This is a yearslong endeavor; and truly the work of maintaining a healthy, highperforming company culture is never done. It's ongoing, and it's intentional.

#### OUR VALUES



#### Service

- Consistently kind to others
- Hospitable & Polite
- Service and Relationship Oriented



#### **Optimism**

- Consistently positive with all
- Fully engaged with team and member interactions
- Be a positive change agent

#### Humanness

- Assume and Practice positive Intent
- Seek and Offer Feedback and Ideas
- Be Candid and Kind

#### Momentum

- Take Initiative to Learn, Grow, and Teach
  - Look for opportunities to be creative and curious
  - Employ a growth mindset, individually and organizationally



## HOW WE ALIGN

VALUES. STRATEGY. BANKING

Why We Exist isn't the same as How We Work, but they're related ideas that impact each other. They will leave their imprint on how MCCU begins to function as an organizational entity, and how we share our values with others in our community.

#### OUR Values, Inside and Out





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#### **HUMANNESS**

#### MOMENTUM Positive Take initiative to **INTERNALLY** Practice attitude with all. learn, grow, and Consistently kind positive intent. Fully engaged teach. Be curious to others. Candid and kind. with team & and creative. Hospitable & Offer and polite. Service & member Employ growth receives relationship interactions. mindset, feedback; share oriented Positive change individually & ideas. agents. organizationally. Have an optimistic Grow in organiz-Practice ORGANIZATIONALLY outlook of our ational self-Consistently positive intent, members, awareness; adopt meet or exceed own member community, and posture of issues to service future. Equip learning, growth, expectations. resolution. our members to and improvement. Break down Reflect & see possibility Develop promote our "corporate" wall. in their financial organizational community's Speak, think, goals. Build growth mindset; hospitable feel and act like relationships one where people of kindness and humans, not with members enjoy and thrive robots. Become mutual respect. and community. through trusted partner. Cultivate challenges. curiosity.

#### FOUNDATIONAL STRATEGIC PRINCIPLES

## OUR ONGOING FOUNDATIONAL STRATEGIC PRINCIPLES, ALIGNED

Project-based priorities will come and go, so we believe it is important to solidify our foundation. Below are the fundamental, never-changing, strategic principles that are always important for us here at MCCU. And we believe all are in line with, and relate closely to, our values, at team and organizational levels.

MEMBER	COMMUNITY	STRUCTURAL	EMPLOYEE	OPERATIONAL	MEMBERSHIP
SATISFACTION		RESILIENCE	ENGAGEMENT	EXCELLENCE	GROWTH
We are a service first organi- zation, striving to exceed member expectations.	We invest our time, talent, and resources in the community we serve.	We are safe, sound, and can take smart risks because of strong net income capital levels.	We are a great place to work, attracting and retaining talent focused on living our values.	We seek automation, efficiency in processes and systems, and invest in technology to help us do so.	We are committed to marketing that differentiates, relates, and breaks through the noise for our ideal member.

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Why do we need a plan?	To align current and future partners, staff, examiners, and volunteers on the bigger picture for serving our membership. Lack of strategy can lead to lowered efficiency with our resources, distraction, and disconnected goals. This plan creates bumper rails on a purposeful and specific pathway.		
Who owns it?	The "grand strategy" or mission, vision, values, and long-term goal is approved by the Board of Directors. The executive strategy is determined through the CEO and other members of MCCU's management team, and tactics are decided, executed, and managed by the collective credit union staff.		
How will it be used?	To ensure projects, priorities, and objectives in our tactical plans are consistently leading towards an agreed upon outcome. The executive team will use it to determine focus and goals for the teams. And the board will refer to it to ensure clarity of the grand strategy and overall direction of the business.		
When will it change?	Because many of these components are being newly formalized for MCCU, this is a mixture of foundational components which should not change for several years into our future, coupled with shorter-term, flexible and changing strategic growth plans, with a supporting tactical plan that will certainly change as needs change, or at minimum, as part of the annual budget process.		