

The Chautauqua Challenge

To be a center for the identification and development of the best in human values through a program which:

Encourages the identification and exploration of the value dimensions in the important religious, social and political issues of our times; Stimulates the provocative, thoughtful involvement of individuals and families in creative response to such issues on a high level of competence and commitment; Promotes excellence and creativity in the appreciation, performance and teaching of the arts.

To be a community in which religious faith is perceived, interpreted and experienced as central to the understanding and expression of our social and cultural values, a community which is open to all and is distinctly founded upon and expressive of the convictions of the Christian tradition.

To be a resource for the enriched understanding of the opportunities and obligations of community, family and personal life by fostering the sharing of varied cultural, educational, religious and recreational experience in an atmosphere of participation by persons of all ages and backgrounds.

The Chautauqua Challenge defines the mission of the Chautauqua Institution. It was adopted by the Board of Trustees in 1974 and revised in 2000.