

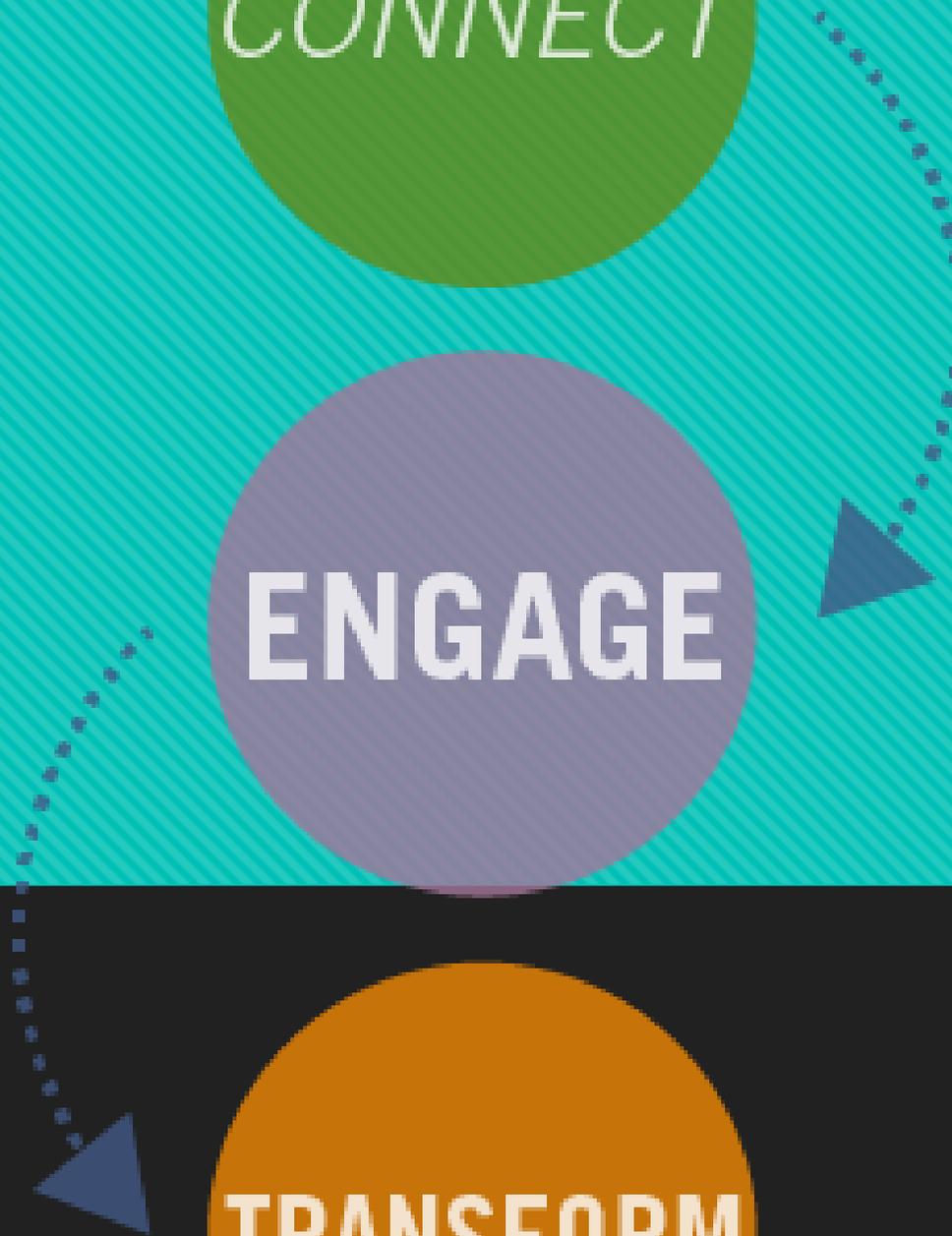
Living Our Vision

Within St. Philip's and our Community

CONNECT

ENGAGE

TRANSFORM



The world has
changed...

SUNDAY LAWS

In Force in the Province of Ontario

PROHIBIT

1. **LABOR.** With certain exceptions this includes:
 - (a) **THE WORK OF LABORERS, MECHANICS and MANUFACTURERS.**
 - (b) **ALL FARM WORK,** such as **SEEDING, HARVESTING, FENCING, DITCHING.**
 - (c) **WORK ON RAILWAYS,** such as **BUILDING and CONSTRUCTION,** and also **REPAIR WORK,** except in emergencies, and **TRAFFIC,** excepting the forwarding of **PASSENGER AND CERTAIN FREIGHT TRAINS.**
 - (d) **ALL BUILDING, TEAMING, DRIVING FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES, THE WORK OF BAKERS AND BARBERS, Etc.**
 - (e) **THE WORK OF MUSICIANS AND PAID PERFORMERS OF ANY KIND.** Works of necessity and mercy excepted.
 2. **BUSINESS.** It is unlawful to **MAKE CONTRACTS** or to **BUY, SELL** or **DELIVER ANYTHING** on Sunday, including **LIQUORS, CIGARS, NEWSPAPERS, Etc.** Generally speaking the only exceptions are **DELIVERING PASSENGERS' BAGGAGE, MILK** for domestic use, and **SUPPLYING MEALS AND MEDICINES.**
 3. **ALL GAMES, RACES OR OTHER SPORTS FOR MONEY OR PRIZES,** or which are noisy, or at which a fee is charged, and the business of **AMUSEMENT** or **ENTERTAINMENT.**
 4. **ALL EXCURSIONS** for hire and with the object of pleasure, by **TRAIN, STEAMER** or **OTHER CONVEYANCE.**
 5. **ADVERTISING** in Canada, unlawful things to take place on Sunday, either in Canada or across the line.
 6. **IMPORTING, SELLING** or **DISTRIBUTING FOREIGN NEWSPAPERS** on Sunday.
 7. **ALL GAMBLING, TIPPLING, USING PROFANE LANGUAGE,** and all other acts which disturb the public quiet.
 8. **ALL PUBLIC MEETINGS,** except in Churches.
 9. **HUNTING, SHOOTING, FISHING;** also **BATHING** in any public place or in sight of a place of public worship, or private residence.
- THE PENALTY IS FROM \$1.00 TO \$500.00**

THE GAME LAW

Of the Province makes Sunday a **CLOSE SEASON** for all **GAME** and **HUNTING** and **SHOOTING UNLAWFUL** on that day.

THE PENALTY IS FROM \$5.00 TO \$25.00

The world has changed:

- most churches in the western world are dying
 - “The United Church is closing congregations at a rate of more than one a week.” (UC Observer 2014)
- digital age, individualism, shift in media, advances in science are shaping society
- spirituality is popular

Membership

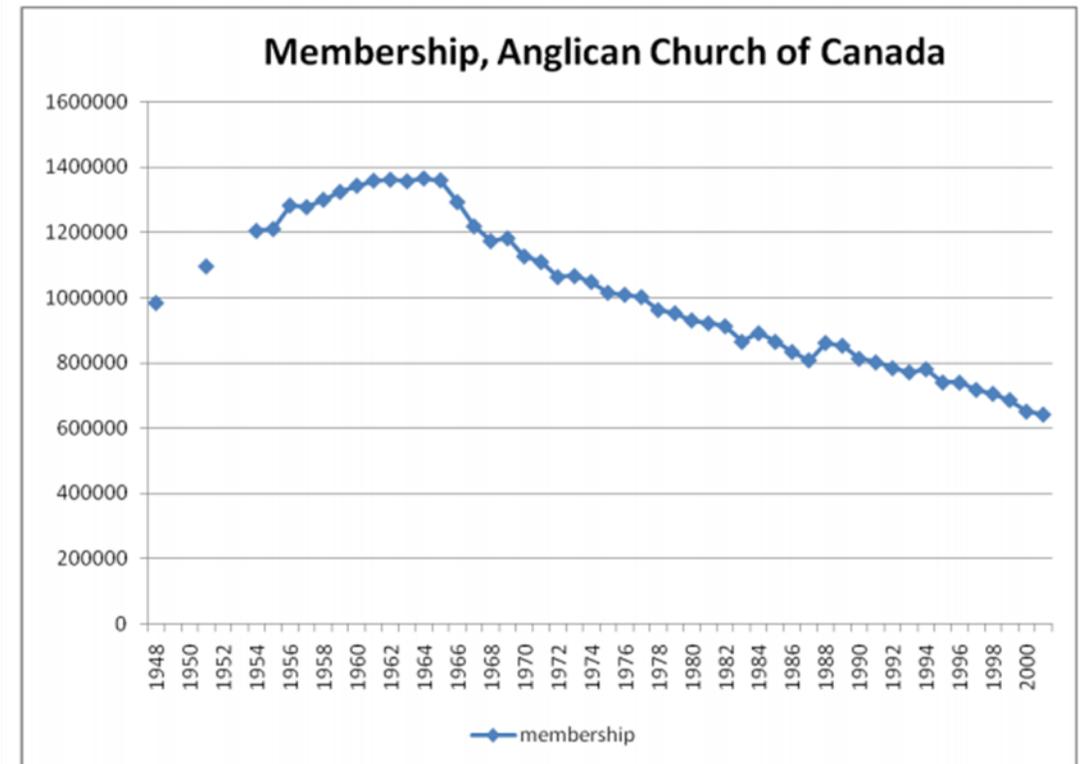


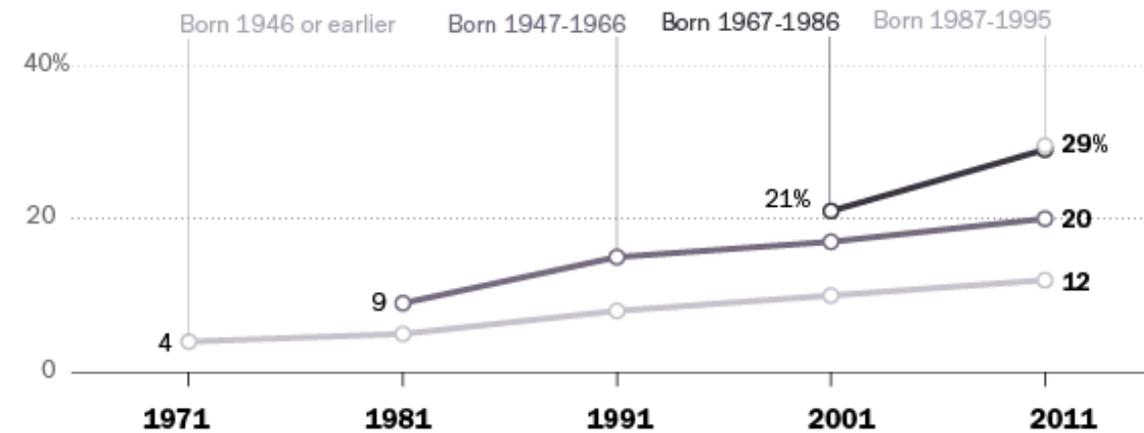
Figure 1 – Membership, Anglican Church of Canada, 1948-2001

The world has changed:

- denominational ties are disappearing
- church viewed as irrelevant relic of the past

Trends in Canadian Disaffiliation, by Generation

% of each age cohort that is religiously unaffiliated

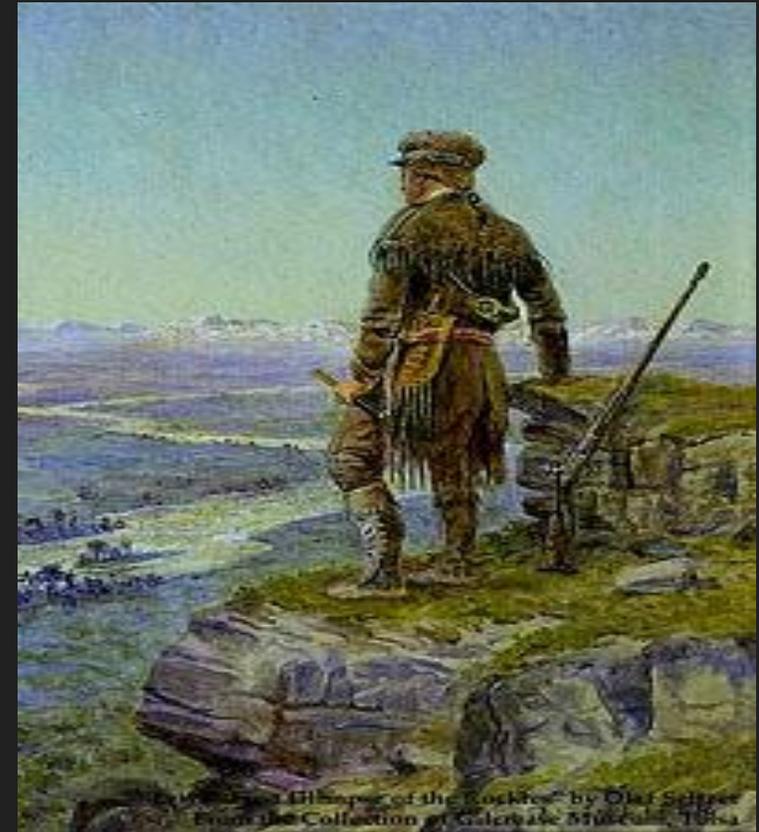


Sources: 1971-2001 Canada census; 2011 National Household Survey

PEW RESEARCH CENTER

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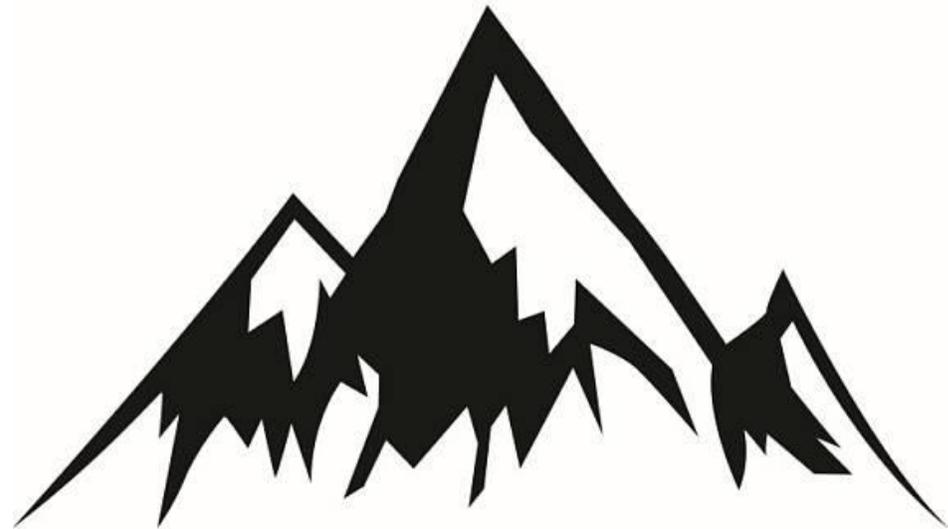
- we have hit our Rockies



Lewis' first glimpse of the Rockies

**We need to
change...**

to cross the Rockies



Some thoughts about change...

An excerpt from Bishop Michael Pryse's
2018 Report to the Assembly



Bishop Michael Pryse wrote:

- In the Gospel of John we hear a story where Jesus tells the disciples to put out into the deep and fish on the other side of the boat after a long night of fishing to no avail. Wouldn't it be exciting to have resources and personnel that could help us do that, to experiment with new models, to gather communities of disciples in new places and new ways that look quite different from our standard template of what constitutes church?
- Our mission is not ... supporting and maintaining the institutional church. ... [It] is the service and support of God's mission.... Our actions and public witness aren't demonstrating that truth To the extent that anyone ...is paying attention to us, they are not seeing it. Our own kids aren't seeing it. We've got to change the channel; change the defaults and make it absolutely clear that in everything we do; the use of resources, the deployment of personnel; the engagement of causes; the forging of partnerships – that it is all about the mission; about making a positive difference in the world. It's not about us. Full stop!
- All of us need to feel an increased sense of urgency to help establish conditions wherein we, and the generations following us, can engage God's mission in the most faithful way possible. Yes, the generations following us.
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We need to change...

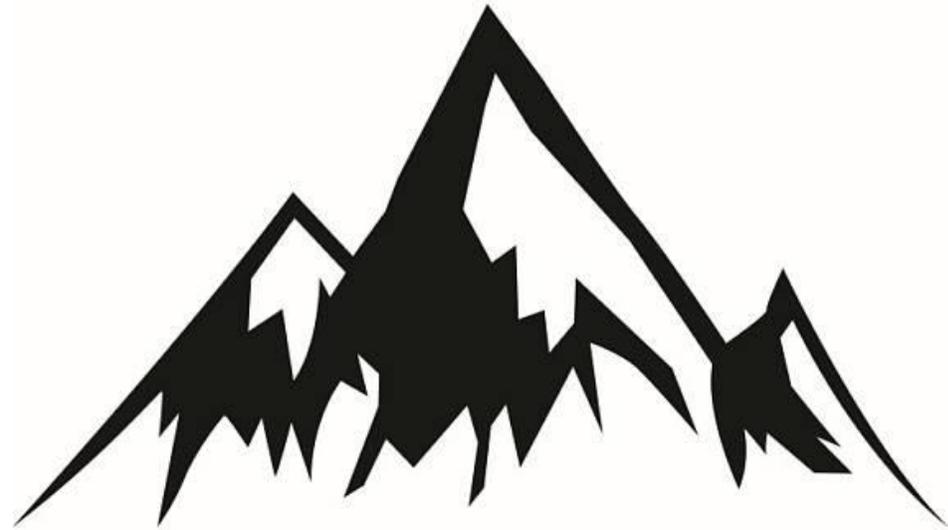
- “This is not, ‘Save the sinking ship.’ This is, ‘Hey, we need to change the vehicle we are using to fulfil God’s mission.’”

(Rev. A. Playfair, St. Stephen United Church)



Our response...

We have a vision.



Vision

Freed by the grace of Christ, we seek to connect with God, neighbour and self.

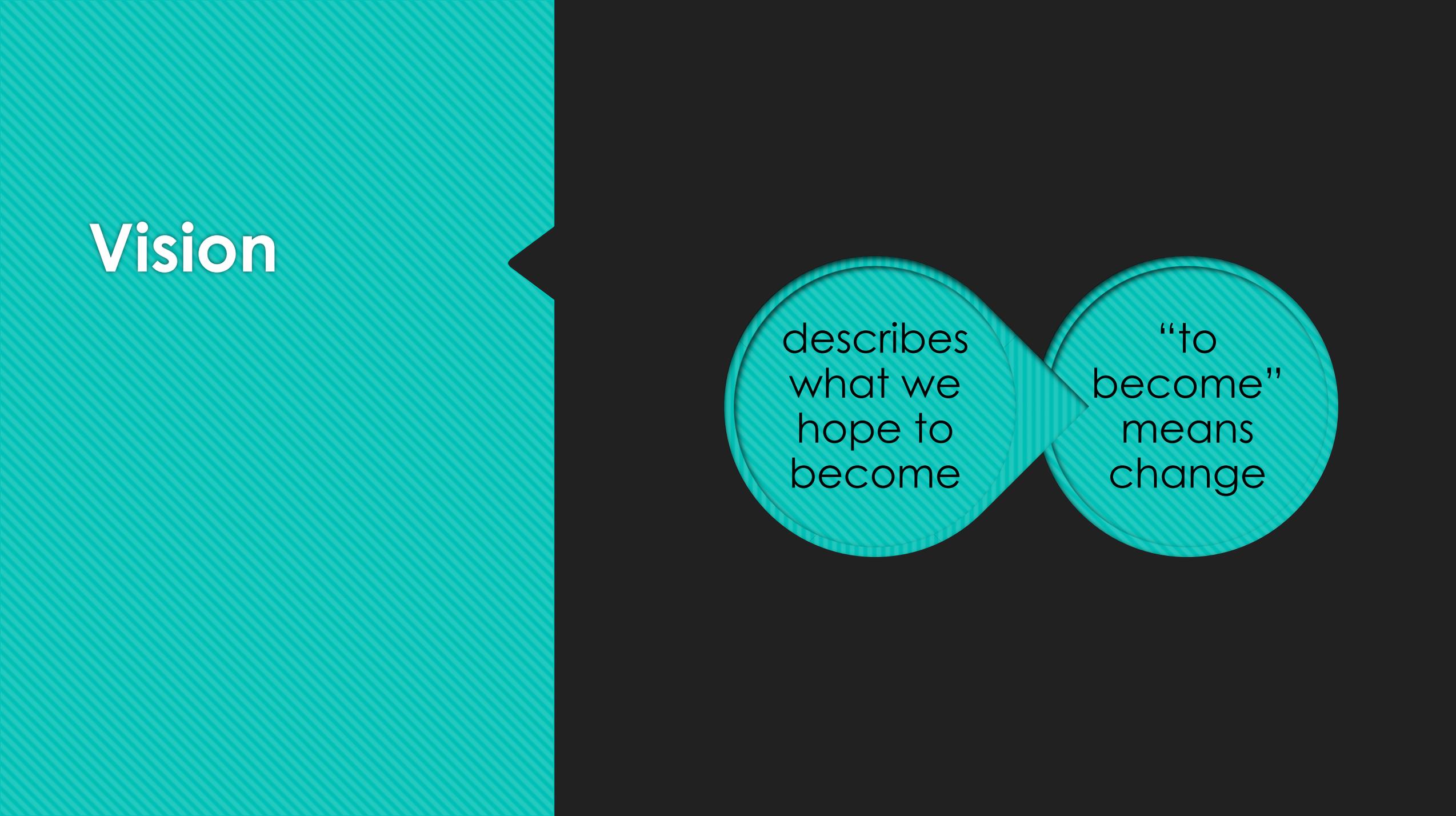
○ **Vision statement:**

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○ **Values supporting the vision:**

- Our Lutheran heritage of grace
- Our call to pray, worship and learn as we grow in our Christian faith
- Our needs to gather and belong in Christian community
- The call to love our neighbours as Christ loves us
- The acceptance of all people as children of God
- The opportunities to meet God everywhere

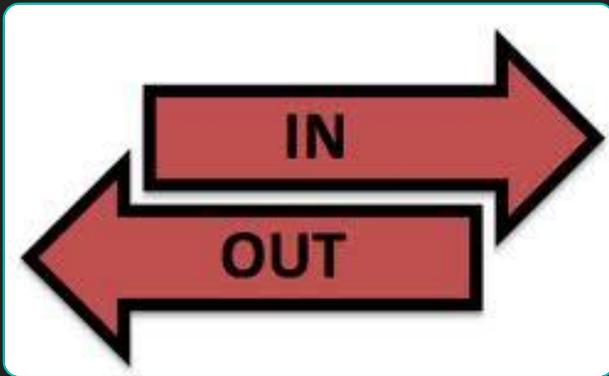
Vision



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hope to
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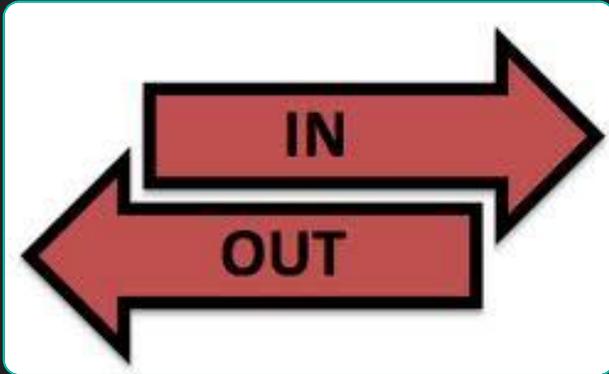
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Vision: 2 directions...

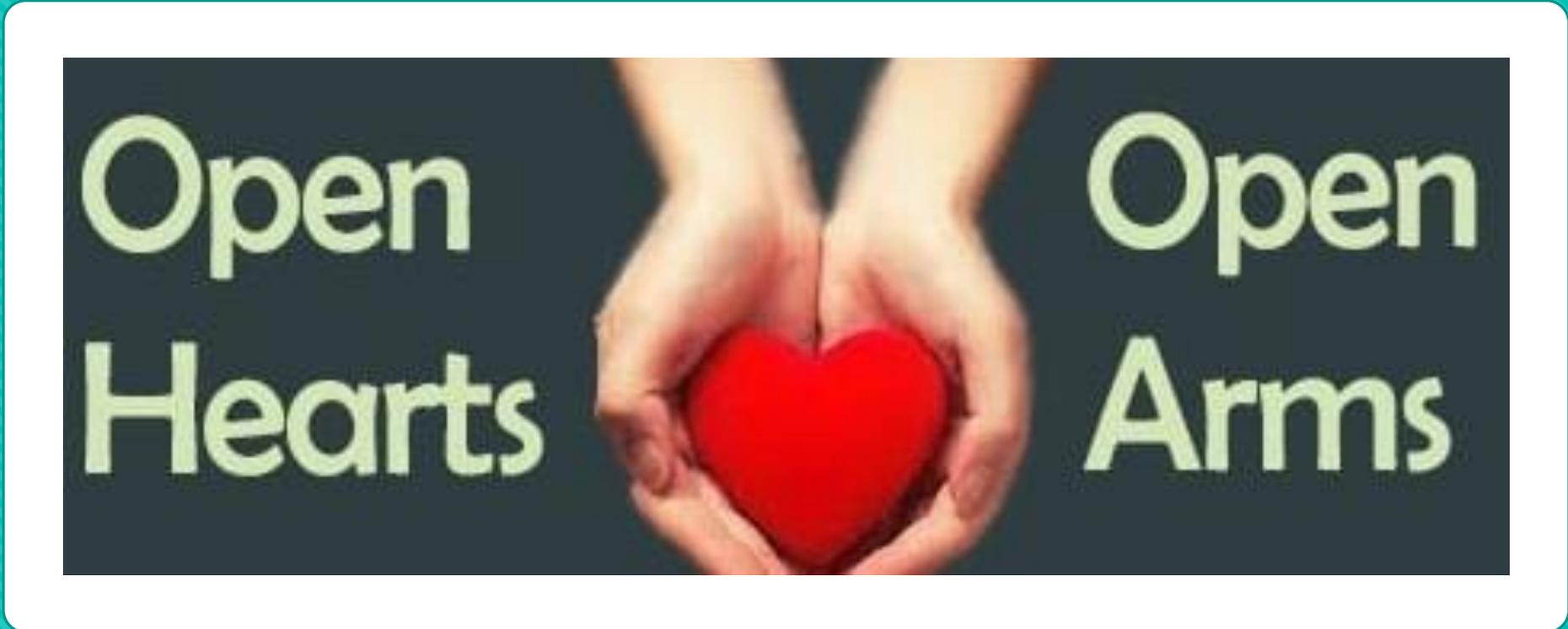


- IN: looking inward at St. Philip's and our community and needs.
- OUT: looking outward to our neighbours and their needs.

Vision: Outward



- IN:
- OUT: looking outward to our **neighbours** and their needs.



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someone is standing outside

Vision & neighbour...

“...**we connect with our neighbours**. We **practise** hospitality of open hearts and open arms. We **unite** with partners **to make a difference in our neighbourhood**.”

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Vision & neighbour...

- Madbakh...the homework club
- The Good Food Market
- Community Food Works
- The Neighbourhood Table

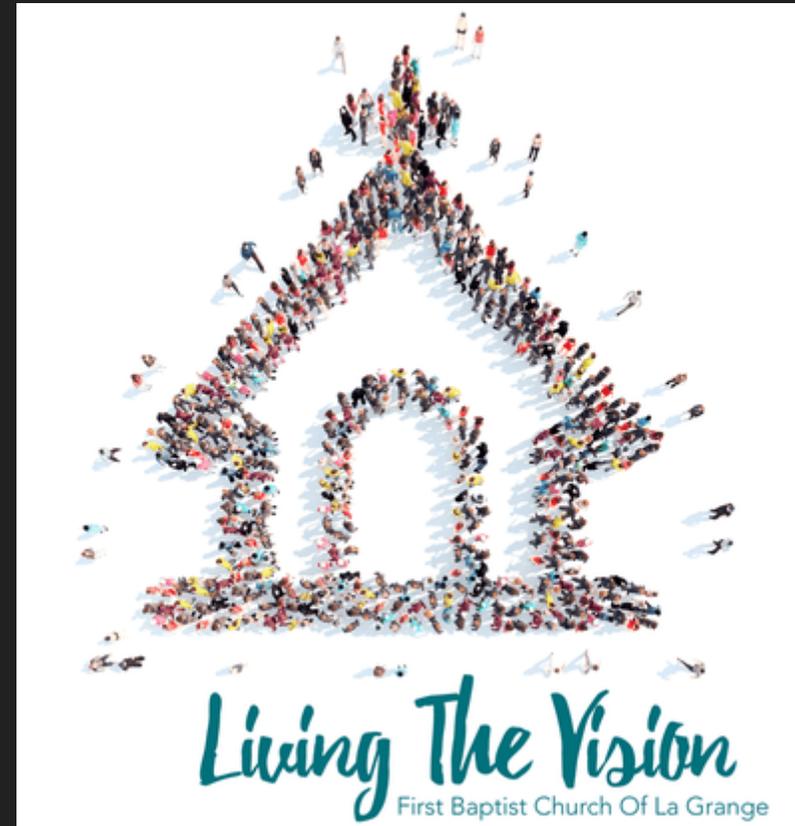


Neighbourhood Table

- The Neighbourhood Table video was shown. It will be available separately from this presentation.

Our experience...our voices

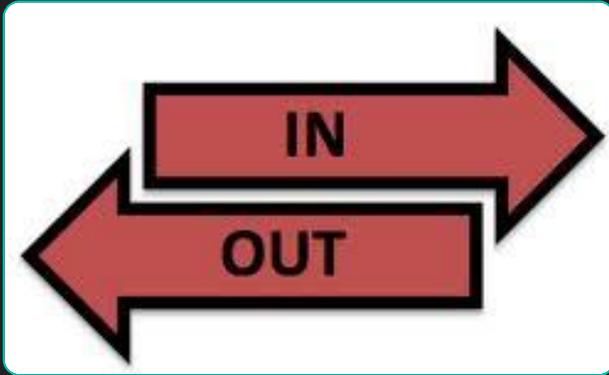
- Living the Vision in the Neighbourhood



Vision & Neighbour 2019

- for 2019...a blend of the Good Food Market and the Neighbourhood Table
- This means our neighbours could buy market produce and goods on the same day as they can participate in
 - preparing food,
 - learning food skills,
 - family-friendly programming such as storytelling
 - and sharing a free meal

Vision: Inward...



- IN: looking inward at St. Philip's and our community and needs.
- OUT

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Priority: families, children & youth



NEED FOR ATTENTION
IDENTIFIED BY PASTOR



GROWING NUMBERS:
JOINING, BIRTHS

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to those whom
much has been given,
much is expected

Luke 12:48



“Seek first to understand.”

- We need to change...
 - Because the world has changed.
 - People have changed.
 - Parents have changed.
 - And children & youth have changed.

Congregational Event: April 2018

Starting the conversation...

- What should “church” be for you and your family?
- When and how can worship be most meaningful?
- How can “church” fit into your busy life?
- How can “church” be a joy, not a burden?

Ideas: From the adults...

- Time of worship?
- Youth and Family emphasis
- Family events
- Dinner church
- Staff position focused on children and families

From the adults...

- Parent groups
- Support for children's mental health
- Mentoring program

From the kids...

- Use more technology
- More experiential
- More consistency
- Younger children enjoy going to Sunday School and this progressively lessens as they get older

Continuing the conversation

Interviewed families
unable to attend the
April event

From a parent interview...

- sense of community
- Sunday morning doesn't work
- virtual church
 - "pull" people into conversations
 - daily idea for kids, age appropriate

"There needs to be an evolution in how families can interact and participate in the church community."

Task Force Conclusion...



We need to do more.



Change is required.



Not a quick fix.

Starting point...

- Do more:
 - 20 hours a year is not enough!
- Do different:
 - “Dinner” Church
 - Summer program
- Do in the home (or anywhere):
 - Online

Why change?

Voices of members





HOPE

Question:

What are your hopes for family, children & youth ministry at St. Philip's?

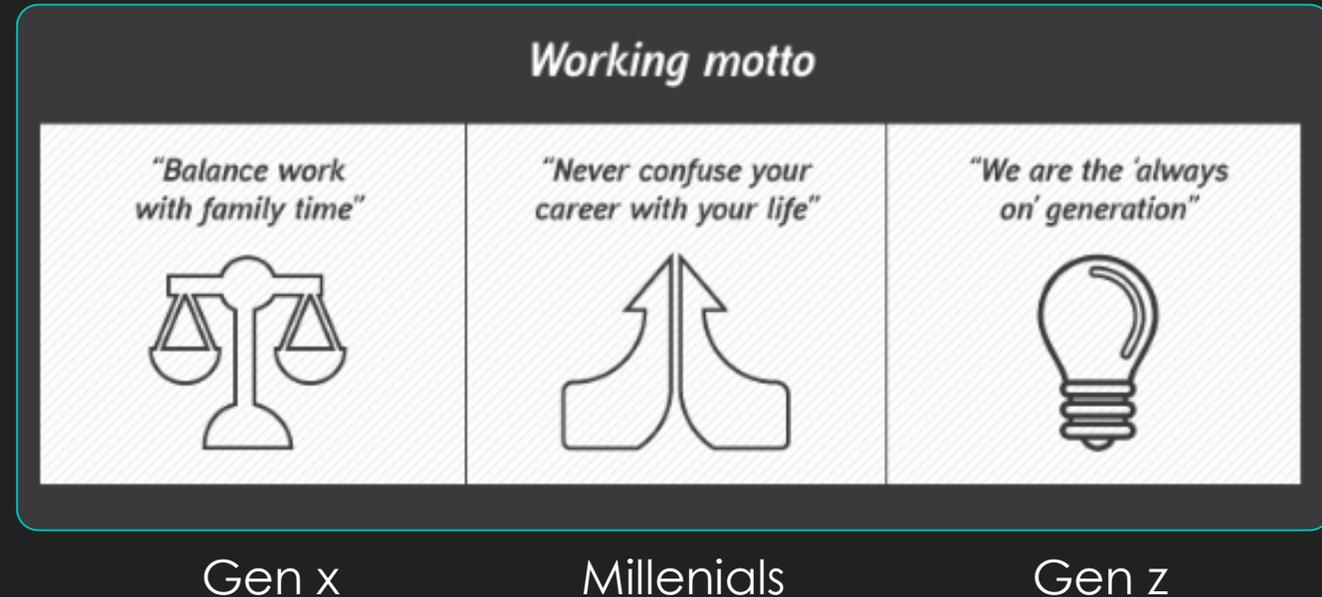
**We have a vision to
cross the Rockies...**

But there are challenges... that we can climb!



A look at the demographics...

		Members @splc:
○ Gen x	(1965-80)	48
○ Millennials	(1981-96)	68
○ Gen z	(since 97)	60



Change required...family ministry

- To connect and engage the parents.
 - Experience God.
 - Support a “vibrant faith”.
- To connect and engage the children and youth.
 - In meaningful ways.
 - Consistently.
- To connect and engage in new ways in new places.



Leadership for the next step...

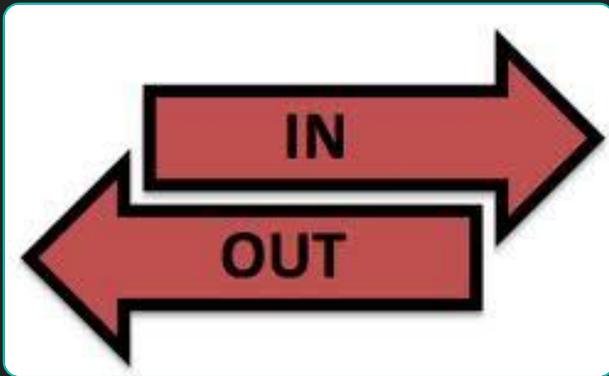
2 Vision priorities:
Neighbour and
Families, Children,
& Youth

Align our
resources to
our Vision

Step out in faith...

- Council support for the Vision: create a staff position (May)
- Task Force developed a Job Description (September)
 - Learning and Engagement Coordinator
 - Focus on Families, Children, and Youth in St. Philip's and the neighbourhood
- Council approved position as described (October)
- Job posted (November - December)
- Interviews (January, February)
- To be filled... soon!

Learning and Engagement Coordinator



- IN: nurturing the faith of families, children and youth in the St. Philip's community
- OUT: meeting community needs and offering opportunities for children, youth and families in Central Etobicoke

Step out in faith...



What can you do to support the
Vision?



Support the new position.
Get involved.

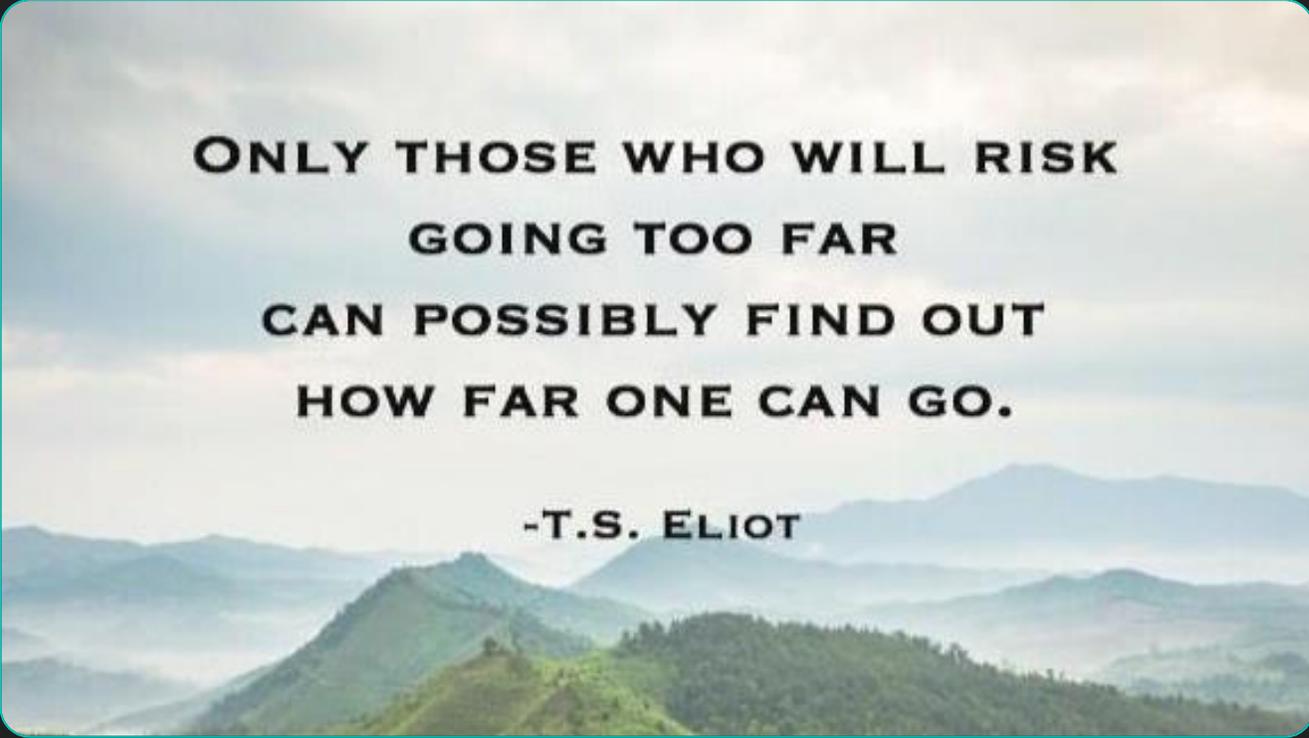
adventure or die



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HOW FAR ONE CAN GO.**

-T.S. ELIOT