

Centre Street Church

2017- 2018 ANNUAL MINISTRY REPORT

Christ at the Centre...



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OUR MISSION

We are passionate about introducing people to Jesus and helping them to become fully devoted followers of Jesus who are committed to loving God, loving one another and together loving our city, nation and world.

HOW DO WE DO THAT? BY:

- PURSUING GOD
- PURSUING RELATIONSHIPS
- PURSUING MISSION
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The following is a celebration of
what God is doing!

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Christmas
Celebration



NOW
Night of Worship

A red banner with white text is positioned at the top left of the page. The background of the entire page is a photograph of a woman with long blonde hair, wearing a blue and white patterned scarf and a blue and white striped sweater, sitting in a chair and smiling. Behind her is a large, gold, zigzag decorative element.

**Easter
Celebration**

A woman with long blonde hair, wearing a blue and white patterned scarf and a blue and white striped sweater, is sitting in a chair and smiling. She is holding a white sign with black text in front of her.

#Jesusmyking

A photograph showing three people in a body of water. One person is being baptized by another, with a third person standing nearby. The scene is outdoors with trees and a rocky shore in the background.

**Baptism
Celebrations**

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

Our mission as a church is to 'make disciples' (Matt 28:18-19). When it comes to making disciples, Jesus is our teacher and example. Jesus used various contexts to make disciples. He used a PUBLIC CONTEXT (primarily around the Sea of Galilee) to teach people about the Kingdom of God and to minister to people's needs. He also used a smaller, more informal SOCIAL CONTEXT (20-50 people) in homes to disciple people. In addition, Jesus invited the twelve (from among the 70 disciples) into a small group PERSONAL CONTEXT, in which He taught them what it meant to be His disciple and how to disciple others.

We are seeing God use similar contexts to disciple people today. He uses our *small group* disciple-making groups to learn what it means to live the Jesus-shaped life and to be prepared to disciple others. He uses *larger social groups* — like our *community groups* and *missional communities* to provide a context where we can grow closer to God, to one another and together reach out in love to others. Furthermore, God uses our *public worship gatherings* to *inspire us* (through praise, worship and testimonies of life change) to *introduce us* to Christ and *inform us* of God's truth, and to *challenge us* to walk closely with Him — all of which are key to our spiritual growth. Consequently, when we lead, teach, shepherd or serve people directly or indirectly behind the scenes, when we are generous and provide *public space* for children, youth and adults to hear the gospel and grow in their faith, we are playing a vital part in doing what Christ has called us to do.

As we have given focused attention to make disciples in these various contexts, God has continued to bless us with significant spiritual and numerical growth, resulting (once again) in shortages in our *public spaces* in a number of ministry areas. Therefore, after much prayer and deliberation, we decided as a congregation to step out in faith and BUILD more room for God. This decision was not made quickly or lightly. When you are enjoying the blessing of God, it is tempting to stop exercising faith. Yet, to play it safe and embrace the 'enough is enough' mindset is to sow seeds of death for our church. To ensure we weren't being presumptuous, we asked all of you to pray and seek God's leading on what financial commitment He would have you trust Him for, and we were all in awe when we learned that our combined pledges totaled 98% of the financial goal we estimated was the minimum needed. To God be the glory!

I encourage you to take the time to read this annual report, remembering that every statistic is someone's life story. God is moving and changing lives and I believe that is in response to our prayers, faithfulness, vision to reach a lost world, and passion and commitment to give sacrificially of our time, talent and treasure. As we unite together and invest our lives and resources in God's kingdom, I pray that a year from now, we will not only be more in love with the Lord, but will experience the rewards of investing our lives in that which lasts for eternity.

Thank you for your ongoing love, affirmation, faithfulness and prayers. It is a joy leading and serving alongside you in the 'greatest cause ever given to man.'

In Him,



Henry



A MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD

What a blessing it is to work with our church and to be a part of the Board of Governors. It's a privilege to participate in God's work and to seek His will 'on earth as it is in Heaven.' There's no greater calling than to be part of the mission to introduce people to Jesus and help them become fully devoted followers of Christ.

We've seen our Lord move this year in many ways and we're excited to be a part of His great plan for us. We see Him growing us and teaching us how to step out in faith and give Him all of what we have and all of who we are. We trust that our Lord will continue to provide all our needs as He accomplishes His purposes in and through us.

Thank you for your making this church family a part of your walk with the Lord. Together, we're all considered members of one body and we can all work together in different ways to boldly pursue God, Relationships, Mission, Generosity and Simplicity. My prayer is that we all seek the Lord and humble ourselves and pray...that we might hear His voice and follow His leading.

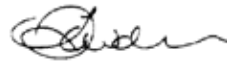
God has truly blessed this church over the past 60 years, and our history is rich with stories of God's hand upon us. Our church is a light for our community and the world around us. Matthew 5 speaks about a city on a hill that cannot be

hidden, and I believe we're here as a light to shine brightly so that the world around us may see our good deeds and praise our Father in heaven.

This past year, we have sold property and been given many great gifts of blessings. We launched the "BUILD more room for God" campaign and extended our reach into the Bearspaw community. In so many ways, we've seen the Lord's hand guiding our steps and affirming our direction as we navigate the road before us.

Keep praying church, that we remain focused on our mission and that we make wise decisions as we continue to seek the Lord in all that we do. Our Board of Governors, together with CSC leadership, are united in our purpose and will remain committed to seeking God's direction in all future decisions. We thank you for your prayers, for your encouragement and for your generosity this year. God is so good and we've been so blessed!

Sincerely,



Teresa Davidson, on behalf of CSC Board of Governors



Teresa Davidson
Chair



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PURSUE GOD

Our highest value is to know God and to grow in our faith personally and in our homes. As individuals, families and a small group of friends, we will practice the presence of Jesus on a moment-by-moment basis, seeking His wisdom and direction, responding obediently to His assignments and calling on Him for His help in all things, knowing that unless the Lord is with us, our labours are in vain.



"In preparation for our February Night of Worship, we prayed and planned out the night as God led us. God moved and surprised us all. At one point in the night, I heard in my in-ear monitor that eight people had decided to be baptized! We were completely overwhelmed with the movement of Holy Spirit among us, and we cried on stage as we witnessed so many declare their allegiance to Jesus for life. There is nothing like seeing a life transformed, a life changed by the love of Jesus Christ."

Mike Schorr - NOW

172
BAPTISMS

355
RECORDED
DECISIONS
FOR CHRIST

756 PRAYER-FOCUSED
EVENTS WITH
6,105 PEOPLE IN
ATTENDANCE

7,739

AVERAGE WEEKEND
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE
AND LIVE STREAMING
AUDIENCE

1,722

AVERAGE WEEKEND
LIVE-STREAMING
AUDIENCE

753

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES
AVERAGE WEEKEND
ATTENDANCE
AT ALL CAMPUSES



"I asked Jesus into my heart when I was five years old. From my earliest memories, I remember learning about God in church and from my parents. Through the stories I learned, I felt like God was really with me, knocking on the door to my heart. There is also a special picture in my Bible of Jesus knocking on a door. Above it says, "Jesus is knocking on the door to your heart, will you let Him in?" Jesus is a friend to me that will never leave me. I feel Jesus is actually here and I can hold onto Him. I want to be baptized because it's publicly announcing that I believe in God. God wants me to get baptized. I want to get as close to Him as I can, and getting baptized is taking another step towards Him."



157

ENCOUNTER GOD
PARTICIPANTS

138

PARTICIPANTS IN
WHY BELIEVE COURSE

101

FREEDOM SESSION
GRADUATES

"I was burdened by a feeling I was unworthy of Christ and that my sins were too great to be certain of my salvation.

Encounter God's Presence Weekend helped me see the lies of the enemy and to put down the guilt and shame of my past sins, and fully release myself to see Christ's love for me."

- EGPW Participant

"Encounter God's Presence has changed me by bringing me closer to God in a dynamic way, where God has spoken to me through many ways. I learned that His love is greater than my pains. And He has never left me."


- EGPW Participant

"The way in which God surprised me at Freedom Session was in showing me how much pain and suffering other people have, and how important it is to just love them completely. God has shown me that we are all so very broken and we all need forgiveness."

- Freedom Session Graduate

"The hope I now feel for my future is...I have found my identity in God. I am showered by His mercy and grace. I have a personal relationship with Jesus. The Holy Spirit is in me. I am more equipped with inventory skills to deal with any issues coming my way. I am determined to live authentically with God, myself and others, taking responsibility for my own attitude, judgment, behaviour and boundaries."

- Freedom Session Graduate



"The material is simple and well laid out. I learned how to have a deeper relationship with God and take my spiritual walk to the next level."

1 -1 Discipleship Participant

"Getting an in-depth understanding of all of the most important fundamental points and having a mentor to answer all of my questions and pray with me."

1 -1 Discipleship Participant

"A non-believing guest who came with his Christian girlfriend, describing himself as skeptical but searching at the beginning of the course, made a public declaration of his faith in Christ the last night of Why Believe. Their relationship has been transformed as they are endeavouring to live out their relationship according to God's standards rather than the world's."

- Micheal, Why Believe

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PEOPLE CAME TO CHRIST
DURING WHY BELIEVE
COURSE - JAN 2018

"One little boy invited his neighbour to camp this year. He had so much fun all week, and even started insisting that his mom read him Bible stories at night."

- CSC CM Leader





CSCAMPS

286

CAMPERS ATTENDED

92

VOLUNTEERS

37

CHILDREN ACCEPTED CHRIST

“A girl shared that she was very worried about her mom’s health. I was able to reinforce the Bible point for her that day: when we worry, JESUS RESCUES US. She was reassured that even though she is concerned for her mom, God cares for her and He is with her.”

– CSC CM Leader

PURSUE RELATIONSHIPS

Following Christ's example, we will pursue relationships with a small group of Christ-followers who are committed to BEING the church in every way, including providing mutual support and prayer for one another and spurring one another on to learn together what it means to follow Jesus, to live like Jesus, to hear from Jesus and to respond to His direction and assignments.



6,325
INDIVIDUALS
ATTENDED

523
GROUPS
OF ALL AGES

1,323
MISSIONAL
ACTIVITIES



COMING TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY

One of our Missional Communities in NW Calgary celebrated Canada Day by having a BBQ in their neighbourhood and inviting their neighbours to join in! What a great way to gather together, get to know each other better and connect as a community.

EXPANDING OUR REACH

Our New Canadian Friendship Centre Winter ESL Semester started with 35 new students and 40 returning students. We're becoming a known presence in NE Calgary and the majority of our new ESL students come on the referral of a friend. We started up our Café ESL Conversation Class and Baking Class as well.

In addition, God has answered our prayer for childcare volunteers in abundance! Last semester, we had a waiting list of moms who couldn't attend classes due to limited childcare space; this semester, we're able to accept everyone. God is good!

PURSUE MISSION

Jesus invited a small group of others to be on mission with Him. Following His example, we are committed to being on mission with our family and friends — to introduce people to Jesus by serving them (acts of caring, compassion and justice), sharing Jesus with them personally and inviting them to be part of our small group and worship gatherings.



WE CELEBRATE GOD'S WORK LOCALLY

Through the work of the New Canadian Friendship Centre, we continue to see many lives changed as we reach out to those who have come to this nation to build new lives. We have built many intentional relationships around the person of Jesus, and it has resulted in many hearing His name for the first time.

We provided English as a second language instruction to **244** STUDENTS

We have seen volunteers give over **4,000** HOURS this year to care for those who have walked through our doors and into our hearts.

893 PEOPLE have attended our outreach events this year.

PROJECT COMPLETE! 5-YEAR BIBLE TRANSLATION PROJECT (2012-2017)

Following a big celebration to commemorate the New Testament in their mother tongue, Wambra families couldn't wait to get their own copy of the New Testament. After all, this was the first book ever printed in their own language! With so many people in the community still learning to read, the local church offered group study sessions where members of the community could read together. Stronger readers could help those still learning, and people would be free to ask questions. Few people could afford to spend time reading during the day when there was work to be done, so classes were planned for the evenings.

One the first day, people were very excited. They walked great distances after work to attend. Whole families travelled for an hour or more, drawn by the opportunity to read together. However, like most village buildings, the churches had no electric lights. The pastor wondered, 'How would they read if they could not see?' When the people arrived, almost everyone had brought flashlights. The dark room was dotted with small, battery-operated lights poised over open pages, and the air was filled with the happy sound of people reading aloud. Even those who did not usually attend church found a place on the floor, anxious to be a part of it all. The session ran until ten or eleven o'clock at night when people started filing out for the long journey home, guided by their flashlights.

NATIONAL

We partner with **9** CHURCHES,
planting the gospel in their communities
across Canada.

2 COUPLES

are serving in Indigenous communities. Home
fellowships were started in these communities

32 FAMILY MEMBERS

served our partners in Vancouver on a
Family On Mission summer trip.

INTERNATIONAL

Congregants from Centre Street Church
currently sponsor

1,032 COMPASSION CHILDREN
globally.

\$22,000 RAISED

at the Concert of Hope for Child
Survival Project. Next concert - May 24, 2019.

20 NEW CHURCH PARTNER PLANTS

OUR **17** CHURCH PARTNERS IN ASIA

and **3** GLOBAL WORKERS serve in countries with
increased opposition and persecution.



CANADA



MOLDOVA



BOLIVIA



UKRAINE



CAMBODIA



NEPAL



INDIA



SOUTH AFRICA



MEXICO



RESTRICTED

52

GLOBAL WORKERS

101

PARTNER CHURCHES

39

AGENCIES

GENEROSITY PROJECTS

CHURCH PLANTING AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT:

- Church Planting Crusade
- Pastoral Training
- Pastoral Care Hospital Church Program
- Financial Stewardship
- Leadership Course Development

BIBLE DISTRIBUTION:

In response to a matching Bible count on
Global Ministries Weekend, we provided
13,000 Bibles to: Nepal, **3** unreached
people groups in **3** countries, Operation
Christmas Child Discipleship Kits and
Bibles for the children of the persecuted
church families.

UNREACHED PEOPLES in restricted
countries: **10** church planting families
are serving for **2** years as church planters
as health and hygiene or agriculture
advisors.

COMPASSION:

- Disaster Relief
- Sensory equipment for abused children
- Teen Mom's Outreach Program
- Hospital equipment in a mission hospital
- Higher education assistance for sponsor
children

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE:

- Sanitation facilities for women at risk
- Medical aid for trafficked women

Learn more at cschurch.ca/global

COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES

In the past year, we have
connected with up to

600

people per month

We've had more than

2,000

people walk into Centre Street
Church looking for help
and life change

Through our work with the Food
Bank at West Campus, we have
distributed over

200,000

pounds of food to
our neighbors who are hungry.

In the last year, more than

300

people asked us to walk with
them towards life change in the
name of Jesus and out
of cycles of poverty.

Our Monday night drop in,
monthly meals and emergency
responses have moved over

500

people to new hope
in their lives.

Life to the full...
Compassionate Ministries
exists to love people into
fullness of life so that each
one of us would experience
change, new beginnings and
opportunities to come to a
place of meaningful
and lasting hope, perhaps for
the very first time.



“The poor of our city come to CSC, believing that we can offer hope, care and a better way in their lives. We provide a listening ear, open heart and response of prayer to make a difference in Jesus’ name.”

— Steve Griffin, Pastor of Compassionate Ministries

FOOD AS A DOORWAY

In the work that we are doing with people in poverty, we are seeing that meeting food needs provides opportunity to meet other life needs, proclaim Jesus, and build relationships. We have a number of ‘doorways’ in order to accomplish this:

- Three times per week, we operate as a depot at West Campus for the Calgary Food Bank. We distribute 60 or more hampers each week to Calgarians in need.
- Each week, we have appointments with people where we hear their stories and offer opportunities to begin a process with us towards life change; we meet emergency needs such as food and transportation, and have discussions about meeting shelter or other emergency needs.

HELP FOR THE UNEMPLOYED

While our ministry provides support to those living in poverty, we also we seek to minister in ways that promote sustainability to CSC congregants in need.

We have established the ‘Career Connection Network,’ which gathers twice per month to encourage those who are unemployed. Here, we mentor them, provide job hunt skills, and connect them with others who can offer support.

A PLACE OF SAFETY

Every Monday evening at our West Campus location, Compassionate Ministries offers opportunities for people to eat and drink, visit our food and clothing banks, hang out, play games, meet others and build community and relationship with Jesus.

More than 300 people in abject poverty drop in each month, and many have said this has been a place of safety and welcome in their lives — some for the very first time. During these drop-in evenings, we have seen people commit their lives to Jesus, ask for information about attending CSC, and ask for assistance from our staff and volunteers towards life change.

HELPING THOSE IN GREAT NEED

Tom and June (not their real names) were a couple deeply in love, but through a lifetime of circumstances, they found themselves destitute and homeless. June had been a victim of abuse since childhood and struggled her whole life to find something more meaningful, a reason to go on. She met Tom in a Calgary homeless shelter and they resolved together to do whatever it took — with whatever help they could find — to move their lives forward to something better.

A connection was made with Compassionate Ministries and we were able to walk with this couple towards permanent housing, connection into doing life at Centre Street Church on Saturday nights, graduation from an Alpha program and walking a life of faith.

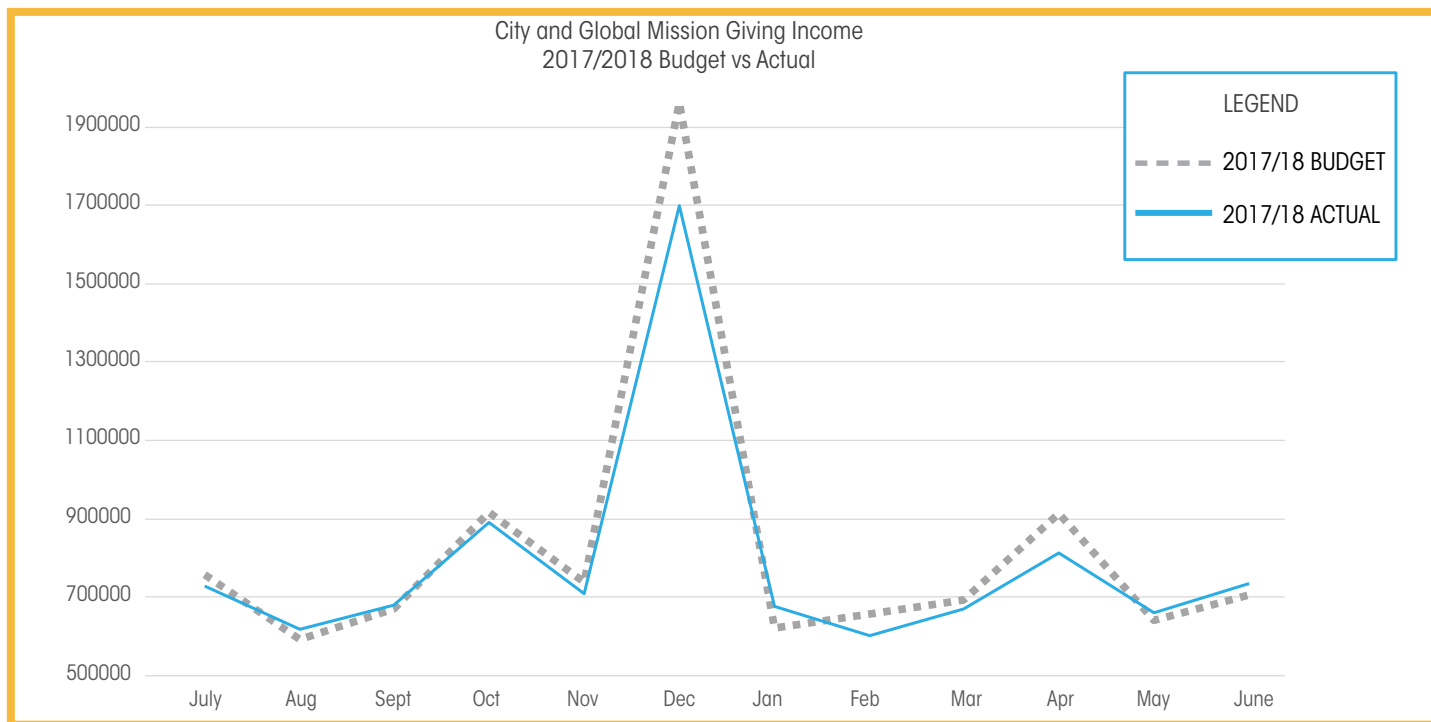
PURSUE GENEROSITY

Our hearts break over the things that break the heart of God. Therefore, we are committed to being the hands and feet of Jesus by being generous with our time, finances, abilities and spiritual gifts to accomplish the mission God has called us to as individuals, families and as a church in our city, nation and world.



This year was marked by a deeper vision of building and generosity at CSC. We received significant financial blessings in the gift of 10-acres of land, and the successful sale of our West Campus. We also challenged ourselves to be even more generous with the launch of our BUILD more room for God projects. This challenge of deeper generosity will continue into the 2018/2019 fiscal year as we increase the percentage of money going to support our Global Mission from 18 per cent to 18.5 per cent. We are well on our way to our goal of reaching 20 per cent!

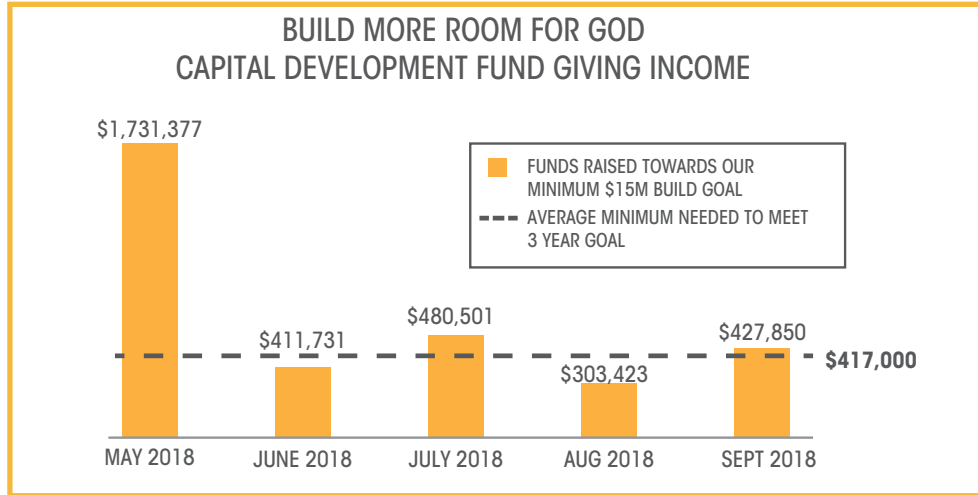
For the 2017/2018 fiscal year (from July 2017 to June 2018) we are grateful to have received 97.1% of our City and Global Mission Giving Budget. Our City and Global Mission budget provides us with the resources to accomplish our mission of introducing people Jesus and helping them to become fully devoted followers through the missional endeavors of our five CSC campuses as well through local, national and international ministries and partnerships.



This past year, we sold the West Campus property for \$8.5 million and received a donation of \$11 million to purchase over 10-acres of land on 12 Mile Coulee Road for the future development of our Northwest Campus.

In April, we launched the "BUILD more room for God" initiative to raise a minimum of \$15 million dollars to build a campus for our Northwest congregation on our new property, and to add on much needed space to our Central Campus. We have received over \$14.7 million in pledges over the next three years and we have approximately \$18.5 million available, including proceeds from the sale of the West Campus for the BUILD projects.

To learn more about our BUILD more room for God campaign, flip to page 31 and 32 of this annual report, or visit buildmoreroom.ca.



Thank you for giving over and above your regular giving to our City and Global Mission funds in order to help BUILD the room we need to better accomplish the mission the God has called us to. Although our upcoming building projects call us to be radically generous, we are stepping out in faith that support for our City and Global Mission giving will not suffer, but will remain strong even while we all make additional commitments to BUILD more room for God.

FINANCIAL GIVING

CITY AND GLOBAL MISSION GIVING

2017 - 2018 \$11,691,000

CSC CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT FUND GIVING

2017 - 2018 \$3,598,000

CSC CITY MISSION:

The missional endeavours of our 5 CSC campuses.

CSC GLOBAL MISSION:

LOCAL, NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS:

The missional endeavours of partner agencies, churches and missionaries in Calgary and around the world.

A man with dark hair, glasses, and a beard is shown in profile, speaking into a microphone. He is wearing a dark suit jacket over a light-colored patterned shirt and a dark tie. The background is a blurred stage with blue and purple lighting.

1,024

NEW VOLUNTEER
APPLICANTS IN
THE LAST YEAR

REUBEN JACOB

Reuben Jacob found opportunities to serve at CSC in the Youth Ministry and Worship Ministry at Northwest Campus. "I had this moment at my first Concert of Prayer...I was playing acoustic guitar and singing. After the worship, I walked towards the side pews and sat down and cried. So many years before I had told myself that I wasn't good enough to play in worship and that they didn't need me. God taught me that it's okay to be a worshiper in the back of the church and that His timing is everything. I cried, 'God, who am I that you would use me?' He gently told me that I am His child and He would use any one of His kids who are willing and available."

PURSUE SIMPLICITY



We are committed to uncluttering our lives so that we have margin to hear God, to pray and to advance His mission. We are committed to living more simply in order to have more resources to advance God's kingdom and meet the needs of the less fortunate in our city, nation and world.

Looking back at the last year, do you feel that you lived more simply in order to grow closer to God, advance His kingdom and meet the needs of the less fortunate?

What is one thing you can stop doing to have more margin for that in your life this year? We encourage you to pray about it! Ask God to show you what He has in store for you in this area...



ONE CHURCH, MANY LOCATIONS

NORTHWEST CAMPUS

Pastor Lawson Brown

AIRDRIE CAMPUS

Pastor Travis Wilkins

CENTRAL CAMPUS

Pastor
Kent Priebe

BRIDGELAND CAMPUS

Pastor
Tim Hayes

SOUTH CAMPUS

Pastor
Craig Murray



CENTRAL CAMPUS

A CALL TO SERVE

After losing her husband in 2012, Alice wondered what she would do with her life. She'd been attending Central Campus with him, and together, they'd had many adventures overseas. As a result, Alice felt God calling her to help newcomers to Canada, and has since been able to find deeper community and meaning through her volunteer work with the New Canadian Friendship Centre.

"My husband Lewis and I began attending Central Campus about seven years ago. It was wonderful just to bask in the Sunday services, enjoying the wonderful music and messages. Lewis and I would often comment on how good it was to go home each Sunday having been moved by the worship and challenged by the message from God's word," Alice said.

In 2012, Alice lost her dear husband Lewis, and life changed. After embarking on a trip to South Africa – a trip she'd originally planned to go on with Lewis – Alice knew she had to be involved in ministry and began asking God to show her where she could serve.

"I heard about the New Canadian Friendship Centre (NCFC) at CSC, and loved the idea of being once again involved with newcomers to Canada," Alice said.

"I love showing God's love to the visitors at NCFC, because I understand how much God loves me. I long for them to know that love as well."

Alice also began inviting her neighbours to attend Central Campus with her. "The passion of my life has always been for loving those outside of the church. A few years ago, I invited two neighbours to come to CSC with me. It's been amazing to watch them discover Jesus and begin to grow in their faith."



NORTHWEST CAMPUS

LOVE AND SUPPORT IN A TIME OF GRIEF

Maryse and her husband, Peter, met at Centre Street Church shortly after they began attending nine years ago. After a while, they felt drawn to a nearby community of young families at CSC's Northwest Campus. Maryse says it was the authenticity, prayers and genuine relationships at Northwest Campus that helped her family through their recent time of grief.

"You really need that community when you hit a hard place in your life," said Maryse.

This past February, Maryse lost her dad in a plane crash, two days after her and Peter's third child was born.

"It was such a hard journey. I still remember going to church about one or two weeks after. During worship, my husband and I were sitting off to the side and Pastor Lawson came and put his arm around me – it was such an intentional moment of him saying, 'I care about you and I'm here for you.' After the service, we chatted with another couple who had experienced loss and people randomly started coming up to us and praying for us. It was so authentic and spontaneous. We felt an immense amount of love and support. That speaks volumes to me about this church community."



FROM TRAGEDY TO TRIUMPH

Who knew a devastating house fire would connect one family to the love of Jesus through the community at CSC's Airdrie Campus?

From tragedy to triumph, Bonnie's story is a true testimony of what it means to learn about Jesus, find community, and then live with a mission.

Bonnie met Pastor Grover while working at Starbucks. "He was a friendly face and I talked with him every morning," she said. One day, her neighbour's house caught fire. In order to save her house, the fire department had to run water over it for four hours; as a result, her home was frozen shut.

"We had smoke damage, and everything was frozen, so we ended up in a hotel for two weeks. When we returned home, Grover showed up at our door. My coworkers at Starbucks had told him what happened, and he showed up with gift cards from the church — a movie gift card and a grocery gift card."

"We'd been feeling so defeated, but that day changed my life. When Grover came to the door, I knew that God was watching over us. Up until then, I had believed in God, but never went to church. That was in January 2016 and by February, I started attending CSC's Airdrie Campus."

God showed His love to Bonnie and her family through the love and compassion of the Airdrie community. Since joining Airdrie Campus, Bonnie has been baptized and began hosting community dinners in her neighborhood, where she shares the love of Jesus with her neighbours.

AIRDRIE CAMPUS



NEW BEGINNINGS

As Hyunjoon was settling in to Canada last December, he was nervous. He didn't know anyone, and didn't know what to expect from attending a Canadian church. But, in the middle of that cold winter, the warmth of the congregation at CSC's Bridgeland Campus brought him deeper into community.

"I was looking for a church to attend, so I searched on Google. I was new to Canada and adjusting to living in a foreign country. Bridgeland Campus was the closest church. It seems like a coincidence, but I think that was the Lord's intention," Hyunjoon said.

"It's a warm and charming place. So many people helped me to adjust, and I could feel Jesus' love from them," he said.

Bridgeland Campus also opened doors for Hyunjoon to serve on the worship team, allowing him to use his musical gifts and to grow deeper in his faith in Jesus.

"When I was in Korea, I used to play the piano in church. I don't know why, but it was really tough for me and I quit...but after I come to Bridgeland Campus, I prayed and I felt that I wanted to do something for the Lord again. Thanks to all of this, I've been able to adjust to living in a foreign country, and I also feel a closer relationship with the Lord," said Hyunjoon.

BRIDGELAND CAMPUS

SOUTH CAMPUS

DISCOVERING HER PASSION

Nicole was one of the original congregation members of Connection Christian Fellowship. When that congregation became a part of CSC's South Campus, she gained so much more than a community. She gained a church family, and discovered her passion for working with children.

"Since becoming part of South Campus, I feel that God has been doing big things in my life. When we belonged to a small singular church, I found I wasn't getting very involved in ministry. When we started attending South Campus, I had a strong desire to work with children. I now volunteer with the children most Sundays and I love it!" Nicole said.

"I believe that God gave me the gift of discipling children in their journey with Him, and CSC has helped me discover this passion. Because South Campus isn't very big, I feel I can make a real connection with the kids who attend," she said.

"God has been doing great things in me and the South Campus! He has blessed us with a feeling of family and connection that helps us all, young and old, grow in our walk with Him."



Community Groups



Worship



Children's
Ministries





CELEBRATING



OF CHRIST-CENTERED
COMMUNITY



In 1958, members of a youth group from Salem Evangelical United Church decided to start a new church on the North Hill. Space constraints, combined with cultural differences in a congregation of both German and English-speaking people, had been taking a toll.



The youth group grew more determined to take a bold step of faith and impact Calgary's growing north area for Christ!



In June of 1958, the NW Canada Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church voted to establish a new church in Calgary with Rev. F.W. Snyder as founding pastor.



That summer, 62 members of Salem Church transferred their membership to the newly formed church.

Centre Street Church was born.



Sixty years of Biblical teaching. Six decades of prayer that continues to empower and embolden our church community. Sixty years of miracles. Of generosity. Of impact to our surrounding world for Christ.

2018 has been a milestone year for CSC. We celebrated 60 years of God moving in the hearts and lives of the people and the church.

On Friday, February 23, 2018, we honoured our charter members and long-time church attendees at a celebration dinner. That following weekend, all five of our campuses gathered at Central Campus for special 60th Anniversary Celebration services. We heard stories, laughed, enjoyed birthday cake, sang songs and worshiped God for 60 years of His faithfulness at CSC.

As 2018 continues, the 60th anniversary journey isn't over...

We're capturing it all in a series of books.

That was just the beginning of the story! Did we mention our charter members stole Salem's choir and pastor? That they tried to attract people using methods that drew suspicion from other evangelical churches? That Children's Ministry was once at risk of shutting down? That a series of "coincidences" helped the church secure needed land, and begin one of Canada's only special needs ministries? When we peel back the layers, history can be fascinating. The history of CSC, and how God moved through weakness, conflict and miracles is about to be released in a series of books.

Stay tuned for the release of Book 1 in December of 2018. This book chronicles one person's journey of capturing memories and stories about the earlier history of CSC. Read how God used His people during seasons of struggle and triumph to build a church that would change the world in ways they never dreamed possible.





BUILD

MORE ROOM FOR GOD

Once again, God is moving in Centre Street Church. As He fills up our lives with His love, peace and compassion, our church fills up with more people...and more missional opportunities. Last year, we reported on constraints around purposeful space for key ministries across our campuses, mainly our Northwest and Central Campuses.

On the weekend of April 14/15 2018, we called upon you, the congregation, to help us "BUILD more room for God" to move in our church. We launched a three-year fundraising initiative with a minimum goal to raise \$15 million to:

- Expand Central Campus to accommodate the growth of our Children's Ministry, Special Needs Ministry and many other ministries to youth, young adults, families, seniors and people in need;
- Build a permanent facility for our Northwest Campus so we can offer week-long ministry opportunities and space built for multiple purposes – worship, fun, community and mission;
- Upgrade and enhance our ministry environments in Bridgeland, South Calgary and Airdrie; and,
- Fund the construction of new churches and ministry centres on multiple continents around the world.

To learn more about what, why and how we are building more room for God, please pick up a Vision Booklet at your campus or visit buildmoreroom.ca

GOD IS MOVING. THE JOURNEY HAS BEGUN.

As of September 2018 we have received 3.35 million towards those commitments. All of this, combined with the \$18.5 million we had on-hand, the CSC leadership and Board decided to move forward with next steps in the construction of the Northwest Campus.

As part of the application process for the Development Permit, CSC engaged communities in Bearspaw and Watermark throughout the summer of 2018. We had meetings with directly impacted communities, and on July 25 and August 8 we held two well-attended Open Houses. We enjoyed getting to know many of our future neighbours while answering questions and collecting valuable community feedback. Much of that feedback was used to update our building design plans. In September 2018 we received the wonderful news that Rockyview County approved our application for the Development Permit.

NEXT STEPS

As we head into the 2018/2019 fiscal year, we plan to proceed with the completion of the construction documents. Our next step is to apply for our Building Permit and then advance the project tender process early next year. Please join us in thanking God for this good news and continue to be praying for wisdom and God's blessing in our journey to construction in Spring 2019!

For continued updates on construction progress, or to make a donation, please visit buildmoreroom.ca

\$15M - Minimum 3 year BUILD goal

\$14.7M - 3 year Commitment to-date

\$3.35M given as of Sept 2018



1959
Construction of original building



1979
CSC's first expansion, gym & education wing



1995
CSC's second expansion, sanctuary & education wing



2004
Central Campus building project



2011
Bridgeland Campus becomes CSC's 3rd permanent building



2021
Northwest Campus will be constructed



2021
Central Campus expansion

BUILD more room to serve God...visit cchurch.ca

NEXT LIVE SERVICE 02 DAYS 09 HRS 41 MIN 36 SECS WATCH SERMONS [f](#) [t](#) [✉](#)

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All Ministries 

All Gifts & Skills 

Children's Ministry Group Leader

Children

A group leader cares for an assigned small group of children. They play, experience the story, and worship together with their group. Then in a small group setting, they apply the lesson to the children's lives, let ...

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Super Group Leader

Youth

A SuperGroup Leader commits to disciple a cross-section of students, alongside a cluster of other leaders, for the purpose of helping each student grow into who God has designed them to be.

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Worship Team Member

Worship

The Worship Team Member commits to use their God-given gifts and talents to usher the CSC congregation into Biblical worship through music and prayer.

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Greeter

Guest Services

CSC Greeters are responsible to warmly greet and communicate with guests in a warm, kind, loving, Christ-like manner.

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NCFC Children's Ministry Helper

New Canadian Friendship Centre

The NCFC Children's Ministry Helper demonstrates the love of God to children of participants in specific NCFC programs by providing a safe and welcoming environment for them so that their parents can learn new skills...

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Worship Team Member

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Camera Operator

Tech Services

The Camera Operator provides the video footage for everything that is seen on the stage. We capture this footage for two reasons. The first is...

Laundry Attendant

Campus Services

The Laundry Attendant provides a vital service by completing the laundry each week so that ministry can be done effectively...

Altar Prayer Partner

Prayer

CSC's Altar Prayer Partners commit to meeting people 1:1, as they approach the Altar, listening to their personal concerns with discernment...

For ways to get involved, visit cchurch.ca/volunteer

2017 - 2018 HIGHLIGHTS



6,325

INDIVIDUALS ATTENDED

523

COMMUNITY GROUPS
OF ALL AGES

753

CHILDREN'S
MINISTRIES AVERAGE
WEEKEND
ATTENDANCE AT ALL
CAMPUSES



1,024

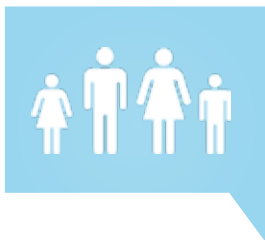
NEW VOLUNTEER
APPLICANTS

756

PRAYER FOCUSED
EVENTS WITH

6,105

PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE



7,739

AVERAGE WEEKEND
WORSHIP
ATTENDANCE AND
LIVE STREAMING
AUDIENCE

52

MISSIONARIES

84

PARTNER CHURCHES

39

AGENCIES



172

BAPTISMS



355

RECORDED
DECISIONS
FOR CHRIST

157

ENCOUNTER GOD
PARTICIPANTS

1,161

PARTICIPANTS IN OTHER
DISCIPLESHIP EVENTS





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LET'S CONNECT

GOD HAS CREATED US FOR COMMUNITY...a place to belong, grow, laugh and serve with others as we learn to love God, love each other and share God's love with our world. Wherever you're at in your personal journey, we want to help you continue to grow personally, spiritually and in community. We're so glad you're here and we look forward to being part of your journey this year!