

# **First Hamilton CRC TrueCity Covenant**

**We as a church covenant with the other TrueCity churches to—**

## **1. Commitment to Neighbourhood Engagement—**

Outreach Ministries at First CRC:

- Alpha Ministry
- Coffee Break for moms and kids in our neighbourhood
- Friendship Club – ministry and support to those with developmental disabilities
- Seniors ministry in area senior residence homes
- International Fellowship and conversational English for new immigrants and refugees
- Monthly Drop-In for community members
- HUGGS ministries – various social and recreational activities, discipleship, and Collective Kitchen. Targeting people in our community with mental illness.
- Partnership with Mennonite Central Committee through the Hamilton Dismas Fellowship for ex-offenders.
- Wraparound – partnership with local churches/agencies in West Hamilton Wraparound. First CRC is the lead agency in this partnership.
- HOST refugees in partnership with SISO – Liberians and Karen
- Income Tax Assistance in partnership with Revenue Canada
- Opening space to community – AA, Durand Neighbourhood Association, others.

## **2. Alignment with TrueCity Values—**

First CRC feels that its core values are in alignment with the TrueCity Values – see page 3 for First CRC core values.

## **3. Funding Involvement—**

For the coming year, we have committed to participating in the need to fund TrueCity by giving \$3,000.00 out of our Outreach Budget and by conducting a special offering for TrueCity to raise additional funds.

## **4. Congregational Involvement—**

- **How your pastor or another key leader will participate regularly in core church gatherings**
  - Andrew Zantingh will be part of Core Leadership team gatherings
  - Tim Sheridan will be part of start-up of East End Working Group
- **How members will participate in collaborative projects, working groups, and other initiatives.**
  - Members of First CRC are and will continue to actively participate in projects, working groups and other initiatives according to their individual gifts, personal interests and time commitments.

**5. Celebrating Involvement Together—**

*Set a date for when your church will publicly celebrate your involvement in TrueCity*

**Date: Sunday, January 28, 2007**

**Time and specifics: 9:30 am (during Sunday mornings service)**

**Signature:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **for Philpott Memorial Church**

\_\_\_\_\_ **for First Christian Reformed**

\_\_\_\_\_ **for Hughson Street Baptist**

\_\_\_\_\_ **for Little Bethel Community Church**

\_\_\_\_\_ **for Wentworth Baptist Church**

\_\_\_\_\_ **for Bethany Gospel Chapel**

\_\_\_\_\_ **for TrueCity Support Team**

## The Ministry Core Values of First Hamilton CRC

### ◆ **1. Accountability**

- Concern for nominal church members
- Clear expectations and responsibilities for church members
- Members have clear expectations of the church
- Relationships of accountability are fostered

### ◆ **2. Authenticity**

- Show authenticity in faith—Real, not Religious
- Authentic with one another—Honesty and transparency
- Act authentically in the world—Our message is validated by our actions in the community

### ◆ **3. Active Discipleship**

- Teach to obey; not simply to know
- Encourage and celebrate “spiritual disciplines”
- Intentional Praying community
- Immersed in the biblical story and identifying our place in it

### ◆ **4. Awesome and Intimate Worship**

- Expectant encounter with God
- Active participation
- Creative use of the arts
- Lives are touched and changed by the Gospel
- Worship is understandable

### ◆ **5. Apostolic Living**

- A people sent on a mission
- A people scattered in the public square
- City Positive—Sent to renew the city

### ◆ **6. Anticipating Change**

- Personal Change—we expect the Gospel to change us
- Corporate Change—we expect the Gospel to change our families and our congregation
- City Change—we expect the Gospel to change our city
- Ripple effect of Gospel—Gospel Changes Everything

### ◆ **7. Acting on Purpose**

- We know and live out of our purpose
- We analyze and assess all our practices based on achieving our purpose
- We let go of that which does not serve our purpose

### ◆ **8. Agency of Release**

- Success defined not by growth in numbers, but by ability of church to release members into ministry
- Capacity to release vs. ability to retain
- Give away—people, resources, make new disciples, birth new congregations
- Intentional Leadership Development

◆ **9. Advocate Kingdom Cooperation**

- Partner with Others in Community
- Promote Unity between churches in Kingdom Mission
- Equip members for Kingdom-vocation in all areas of life

◆ **10. Alternative Community**

- Corporate witness that is a sign and foretaste of the Kingdom of God
- Embrace the mentally ill
- Walk with the poor
- Pursuing justice and mercy
- Exist separate from and for the sake of the city