

Philpott Memorial Church TrueCity Covenant

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

1. Commitment to Neighbourhood Engagement—

PMC Urban Ministry activities:

- Partnership with Settlement Integration Services in welcoming , Youth Programs)
- Adopting newly arrived refugee families
- Supporting and partnering with Living Rock Ministries (Just for Gurlz, Parenting, Evening Program)
- H20 (His Hands Outstretched) City Clean-up
- Education and Awareness Training (ie. Mental Health Seminar, Racism)
- Dr. Davey Elementary School Support
- Come From Away Sunday school class for new immigrants and refugees
- Christmas Hampers
- Food, clothing and furniture distribution

2. Alignment with TrueCity Values— *See pages 2 & 3*

3. Funding Involvement—For the coming year, we have committed to participating in the need to fund TrueCity by **\$1,000 Sept. 2006.**

4. Congregational Involvement—

- Lane Fusilier (Pastor) and Christine Vaughan (Urban Ministries) will participate regularly in core church gatherings. Bryan Wylie (Church Administrator) will work, as needed, with the administrative IT-team.
- Members of Philpott will participate in projects, working groups and other initiatives according to their individual gifts, personal interests and time commitments. Requests for Philpott volunteers are to be made to Christine Vaughan.

5. Celebrating Involvement Together—

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

Date: January 21, 2006

Time and specifics: ___At both services, as a complement to our launching of “All in the Family”, this is a celebration of the bigger church family. A TrueCity rep to welcome PMC, from the podium, at the 9.30 and 11.15 services.

Signatures:

_____ 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**

How the *TrueCity Core Values* fit in with the *Philpott Memorial Purpose Statement*

*The purpose of our congregation is to Glorify God by
making more and better disciples of Jesus Christ who...
Exalt God,
Edify each other and
Extend God's love to all peoples.*

We exalt God by

**Worshipping Him joyfully
Praying to Him passionately
Giving back to Him generously
Reflecting His character consistently
Trusting Him fully**

(It could easily be argued that each of the TrueCity values “exalts God”. #4 and & do so in specific vocabulary.)

4. Humble Orthodoxy— Confidence in the gospel of Jesus Christ enables us to interact widely with respect and generosity. Submission to Christ compels us to love as God loves with Jesus as our guide.

7. Growth through Participation – We grow in Christ as together we engage in his work. Jesus meets us and takes us deeper in our walk with him as we get involved in the work that He is doing.

We edify each other by

Loving each other biblically

Praying for each other diligently

Communicating God's Word carefully

Training each other thoroughly

1. *Congregationally Based—At the heart of our movement are our church congregations; brought together by the Holy Spirit to grow in our faith as we engage in mission.*
3. *Active Cooperation –We aim to move beyond theoretical unity to relationships of trust and tangible cooperation where our diversity of perspective and gifting enhances our unity. Congregations learning and working together is how the Church can truly be the body of Christ. It is a powerful witness to our city of God's reality.*
4. *Humble Orthodoxy— Confidence in the gospel of Jesus Christ enables us to interact widely with respect and generosity. Submission to Christ compels us to love as God loves with Jesus as our guide.*
6. *Whole City View —We recognize both that God is concerned for the whole of Hamilton and that there is an interconnected system that does not allow any neighbourhood to exist in isolation. For both of these reasons we are committed to engaging the whole of Hamilton.*

We extend God's love to all peoples by

Sharing the Gospel boldly

Serving all compassionately

1. *Congregationally Based—At the heart of our movement are our church congregations; brought together by the Holy Spirit to grow in our faith as we engage in mission.*
2. *Neighbourhood Engaged—the focus of our mission is how our congregations can contribute meaningfully to the neighbourhoods that God has placed us in.*
5. *Margins at the Centre — Active presence among those on the social margins who are regularly overlooked and wronged by our society will bring real health and vibrancy for our churches and our city. We take seriously Jesus' challenge that "what you have done to the least of these you have done to me." This is the prophetic challenge of TrueCity.*
7. *Growth through Participation – We grow in Christ as together we engage in his work. Jesus meets us and takes us deeper in our walk with him as we get involved in the work that He is doing.*