

Wentworth Baptist Church TrueCity Covenant

We, as a church, covenant with the other TrueCity churches in...

1. Engagement with our neighbourhood

through...

- Agape Community Resource Centre: Drop In ministry Tues-Thurs with food and clothing and furniture distribution, lunch on Tuesdays
- Involvement with the Run and Read programme at Cathy Wever Elementary School
- Participation in the Wever Community Development Committee
- Partnering with Equal Access for Multicultural Health to run "Taste of the Neighbourhood" and "Festival of Hearts"
- Hosting the Karen Conversation Circles on Saturdays
- After school programmes for neighbourhood children (GirlZone and Kidz Klub)
- Christmas Eve dinner and Christmas Hampers

2. Alignment with TrueCity Values—

- The values of TrueCity are in alignment with the mission and vision of Wentworth Baptist Church as shown below.

Our Mission:

To love and worship God;

- TrueCity value = 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.

and to love and serve our neighbours by...

...reaching out to a diverse community with relevant expressions of the good news of Jesus Christ

- TrueCity value = Neighbourhood Engaged—the focus of our mission is how our congregations can contribute meaningfully to the neighbourhoods that God has placed us in.
- TrueCity value = 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.

...cooperating with the Holy Spirit in the formation of faithful disciples of Jesus

- TrueCity value = 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.
- TrueCity value = Active Cooperation –Congregations working together is God's idea for how the Church can truly be the body of Christ. It is a

powerful witness to our city of God's reality. We aim to move beyond theoretical unity to relationships of trust and tangible cooperation. working and learning together; unity within diversity

...equipping disciples and sending them out in service to the community and to the world.

- TrueCity value = 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.

Our Vision: Transformed people, a transformed community and a transformed world.

- TrueCity value = WholeCity 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.

3. Financial support of TrueCity

- We have four special offerings per year. For 2007, one of these will be designated for TrueCity.

4. Congregational involvement in the TrueCity movement

- Robin Ellis (Pastor) will participate regularly in core church gatherings. Brian Harvey (Community Chaplain) will participate in Focus Team(s) related to neighbourhood involvement and the marginalised.
- Members of Wentworth will participate in projects, working groups and other initiatives according to their individual gifts, personal interests and time commitments.

5. Celebrating Involvement Together—

Date: June 24, 2007

Time: 10am

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**

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