

Table Talk April30/17
What did we say?

Question - What is our Stewardship from God?

Our Building, Land and Location

- * large and flexible building as well as property that has potential for development
- * We have an excellent facility in a great location
- * Blessed to allow others to use the facility = 2 other church groups, Weight Watchers
- * physical space and accrued value
- * proximity to new neighbourhood
- * building
- * land
- * location - Harbour Landing
- * Building - multi-purpose, renovated, nice kitchen, gym
- * Good location big parking lot. Land 2.4 acres
- * building, location, mortgage;
- * the building
- * People using our building
- * New, large neighbourhood also increasingly diverse
- * location - we can support compass church in their beginnings in Harbour Landing.
- * close to Harbour Landing and a church plant
- * good location to schools, RCS students /teachers
- * physical space and accrued value
- * proximity to new neighbourhood
- * A city that has exploded in diversity
- * location - Harbour Landing
- * physical
- * lots of opportunities to be in the local community, to make connections
- * a new community beside us - Harbour Landing
- * fairly new area physically - not a lot of churches in the area

Diversity in Demographics and Background in Congregation and Staff

- * increasingly diverse congregation
- * age diversity in pastors
- * all generations represented
- * many comfortable in inter-generational relationships
- * a diversity in age groups
- * a diversity of skills/gifts
- * Diversity in people
- * diversity in ethnic groups in congregation
- * variety of generations - all accepted
- * sharing with two different congregations
- * body of church seems rounded,
- * very diverse strengths of pastoral staff
- * large new Canadian community

- * New Canadian congregations came to us, we did not reach out to them
- * non judgemental - accept all people no matter their background/baggage
- * openness to more inclusion (Korean/Congolese/Weight Watchers/Spin Class)
- * broad spectrum of generations
- * diverse group - we all work in a lot of different areas and can help others.
- * broad cross section of ages and cultural backgrounds
- * New congregations have brought the "mission field" to us!
- * Korean - Congolese pastors
- * diversity of backgrounds, including church denominations, cultural
- * diversity of world view, heritage perspectives
- * multi inter generational community

Gifted Congregation

- * lots of teachers, prophetic gifts developing
- * strong creative arts
- * Musicians, teachers, councillors
- * many people with leadership and teaching
- * skills, abilities (prophets, jobs, etc.)
- * well talented congregation, artistic
- * well educated demographic
- * talent people who keep the church running, big and small tasks
- * Wealth of "pastors" @ PCC (professional and lay)
- * music ministry in abundance
- * skilled cross section of a variety of people
- * talented
- * lay people willing to use gifts
- * Many gifted people willing to serve, hard-working
- * musicians
- * diverse set of skills & talents
- * many different passions for service, wide range, some done as individuals not a church program
- * We have a wide range of interests & talents to match the diversity in our community. We can do anything.

Biblical Foundation, Missional Experience Evident Spirituality

- * Bible college-educated, experience in many different fields
- * missions experience;
- * strong Bible based leadership; shepherds
- * the wealth of wisdom that comes from Heritage Builders
- * Committed core - but may be shrinking
- * education
- * maturity - Bible understanding
- * people who want to live out their faith
- * Biblically based, sound pastors, Elders
- * Passion for prayer - growing passion to hear the voice of the Spirit seeking the spirit
- * Heritage of faithfulness

- * also missional. - people going out to missions field.
- * wise people in our church
- * people of wisdom - spiritual; Biblically ground
- * strong spirit lead leadership of the elder board is evident
- * people who are passionate about God

Professional Background

- * lots of professionals,
- * We are an urban, “middle-to-upper” church, although those who are not necessarily the same are well accepted.
- * lots of highly skilled and competent people
- * lawyers, business - cross section of skills
- * PCC is white? Place of privilege.
- * we all have a lot of good skills - construction, teachers, IT, accountants, lawyers, nursing
- * skilled profession people in our congregation

Financial Supply

- * relatively wealthy church
- * Financial resources
- * Blessed with \$ for new interior/exterior
- * an affluent church - both people in the church and the church
- * \$ doesn't limit what we can do
- * financial stability
- * wealth
- * financial
- * very good financial giving
- * financial
- * Strong “giving” mentality
- * financial resources

Question - How has God shaped us?

Community Feel

- * to be known for our love and caring for people
- * people appear to enjoy bringing inter-age groups together (lunches, xmas banquet)
- * seniors enjoy close fellowship - mentor younger people
- * intergenerational support - senior / youth
- * Food - people come to free food
- * passion for community
- * a desire for community that goes beyond Sunday morning.
- * passion for food & fellowship & service
- * Quest Groups - caring for needs of PCC
- * Strong love & unity w/ PCC community - caring for each other
- * Heritage Builders

- * Community - sense of
- * community
- * Real - disguise tough
- * welcoming
- * a passion to welcome those who enter our doors, including new comers.
- * a passion to feel like they are part of a family, to invest of themselves with their God given talents, to feel supported, to feel God's love
- * Passion to be genuine with people
- * Quest Groups
- * Quest groups - passionate about feeling that we are family
- * opportunities to eat together
- * developing a people-orientation - priority is relationships that go deeper
- * Quest groups

Missions - Global

- * Outreach, missions, work project to assist in devastated areas (compassionate people
- * Missions weekend is well attended - very large missions giving relative to our size
- * support for missions but less individual involvement - we support missions that we know but hard to get involved in things that individuals are not passionate about
- * missions: full-time, foreign/local, youth mission trips,
- * Missions
- * missions
- * teams to Mississippi - leader who had passion to lead team, engaged with MDS, - whole church stirred
- * Team to Germany, Burkina Faso
- * short term missions to help tie hurricane rebuilding
- * a passion to missions, local & global
- * missions
- * far away missions or even near by missions that we can support with money (and sending some)
- * missions trips - intergenerational groups serving together (post Katrina, Berlin, Mali church build,, Burkina Faso)

Local Outreach

- * reaching the lost - evangelism
- * baptism - making believers who follow the Lord
- * Healing Hearts ministry - helping, supporting
- * there are many people involved in faith ministry outside of the church
- * local missions within our own neighbourhoods
- * a passion for authentic searchers
- * to reach out to those who don't yet know Christ
- * Hands on projects (Healing Hearts workshop)
- * becoming outward focused - interest & growing
- * doing the build at Healing Hearts (bike shop) everyone working together to accomplish something tangible
- * Welcoming, not judgemental, free to invite co-workers and friends non-condemning - shows mercy and love
- * Reaching the unsaved
- * being a contributor to the community

- * opportunities to serve together (Souls Harbour, Food Bank, Thrift Store)

Word of God

- * holding the Word of God in high regard - teaching the whole counsel of God.
- * for hearing the word of God
- * preaching the Word of God
- * Ladies Bible Study
- * Scripture / Word of God
- * passion to apply God's word in our individual lives
- * Word #1 - BIBLICAL FOUNDATION
- * Love for Word of God and preaching that challenges us.

Acts of Kindness

- * service ministry - meeting needs
- * compassion for needs
- * compassionate
- * blessing others together by helping others
- * a passion to help others in a practical sense
- * a passion to be doers
- * want to help our community in various ways
- * Tremendous care for others giving through crisis
- * passion to care for marginalized, less privileged people in Regina
- * willingness to respond when help is needed, hands on

Youth/Children

- * See young people serving the Lord
- * youth program draws kids to the church
- * passion for rooting youth in positive Christian experience
- * activities for youth
- * children
- * Youth Ministry - very concerned about keeping kids post youth
- * kids ministry - Rooted Kids (car building)
- * Young and middle age to engage in leadership
- * a passion to invest into our children & youth
- * Youth Group - jr. youth - good attendance

Spiritual Depth

- * passion for prayers by some member
- * About "being" (not just doing) church
- * worship (corporate)
- * prayerfulness

- * Discipleship
- * mentorship, leadership development
- * formed into the image of Christ
- * Prayer
- * want to know Christ better and we want others to know Christ, and to grow in our walk with Him.
- * Spirit of Christ is here. Encouragement
- * desire to get back to loving God, longing for more of God
- * desire to be more spirit-led
- * growing in our passion for prayer, leading to a sense of community
- * want to be known for our prayer
- * working with people to foster spiritual walk

Where do we See God at Work? - Our Service

Calling us to fresh spirituality

- * God is planting within us a deeper desire to know and love our Saviour
- * God is getting our attention to throw of “religiosity” and open up to greater authentic spirituality with and outside our body
- * God is getting us ready for the messy
- * admitting and sharing our brokenness, that we do’t have it all together
- * God is using Scott (hidden action of God) to show us we don’t have to pretend we are something we are not - vulnerability and transparency with each other.
- * God is working in individual lives, shaping us individually - perhaps too much emphasis on doing rather the focusing on sharing about what God is doing within us.
- * men are growing spiritually in men’s ministry
- * God is stirring revival in our hearts, both at PCC and beyond
- * teenager are increasing in their appetite for spiritual dialogue
- * shaking PCC comfort level - transition requires PCC to challenge our comfort levels, to ask uncomfortable questions
- * challenging church overall to be more unified, to break down denominational and relationship walls, not to have a facade as a community but as actual community
- * Is God preparing ground for expansion, just as it did in Nanarie church? It took time but it happened?
- * Lots of support (prayer, social, etc.) where one of our own fall (Darryl’s healing)
- * focus of prayer thru leadership
- * stirring hearts at PCC - we want more of God
- * Lord use us for your kingdom - part of what He is doing
 - * weakening traditional moral structure are we ready to meet these people.
- * Prayer is becoming more important to us and listening to the Spirit.
- * changing peoples for the better
- * More focus on what God is doing in our church.
- * the change is worship service format is affecting the numbers attending - their is a softening of the spirt for openness to hear from God.
- * God working with us in this transitional process
 - * preparing us for revival in Regina

Bringing Diversity to us

- * connecting with / supporting refugees
- * We are poised to be an example to influence people for cultural acceptance, tolerance, understanding
- * increasing cultural diversity coming to our doorsteps
- * God is building bridges between traditional ethnic groups and between denominations
- * Congolese community - refugees
- * Harbour landing church plant, young adults working across denominational borders
 - * city wide worship, city unity
- * refugee sponsorship & hosting
- * renting space to outside groups / elections
- * supporting, working with Compass church plants
- * Eritrean community involvement
- * Congolese community - not throughout community
- * should we be doing more with Compass
 - * why aren't we working together
- * International people, refugees & university students from 60 countries from around the world to us.
- * International Friendship Regina
- * Congolese families, Eritreans family
- * Working through the Congolese church, partnering with PCC

Inviting us to works to compassionate works of grace

- * greater concern for aboriginal ministry i.e. Healing Hearts
- * God works thru the ministry of people outside of the church
- * Open Door
- * Healing Hearts
- * Soul's Harbour? - I believe some still work with them
- * We believe in the day to day lives of PCCer's - there are things going on that are not "ministry"
 - but they are ministering to co-workers, neighbours and family eg. sports, coaching, etc. running errands
- * What could we be involved in?
 - * Finding ways to be involved in native community?
 - * Food bank
 - * shelters
- * Healing Hearts across Sask.
- * providing for peoples needs, God takes care of our little needs
- * involvement in Healing Hearts
- * thrift store - log house
- * healing hearts
- * individual - individual impact one on one to those we meet
- * Healing Hearts
- * Open Door Society
- * serve day opportunities
- * Healing Hearts group - God is working through this group and we need to learn how to support
- * through individuals in their workplace, their place of volunteer service, act of kindness

Drawing us into community

- * backlash against church as a “club”
 - * Quest groups
 - * God has been building relationships
 - * Quest Groups - diverse
 - * men and women - accountability groups
 - * quest groups
 - * God is bringing unity (like minded) to our members through this exercise.
 - * Quest group - sharing, encouraging
 - * Sharing encouragement, love, support outside of Quest groups.
 - * church is a safe place (not a stage for gossip)
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My own initial thoughts to what we said.

- *We have little difficulty naming our stewardship. In other words, we know that we are blessed by God in both the tangibles He has granted (building/funds) and the people He has brought to PCC.*
- *There is some connection between the places of our passion and the places we see God at work. (ie Community feel, acts of grace, spiritual depth.)*
- *There is a pronounced recognition that God is doing something new within us.*
- *While there was no single passion or resource that collects us - we can celebrate the diversity of gifting, experience and passions.*
- *There was less commonality about where we see God currently at work, but... the places we do see Him currently active fall into our places of passion. In other words, we see God active in the very places we sense are our passions. (deeper spirituality, community feel, tangible acts of grace.)*
- *I am interested in what we didn't say. We did not name God as active in the area of global mission which one of our core values. It may have simply been assumed.*