

The Way Forward

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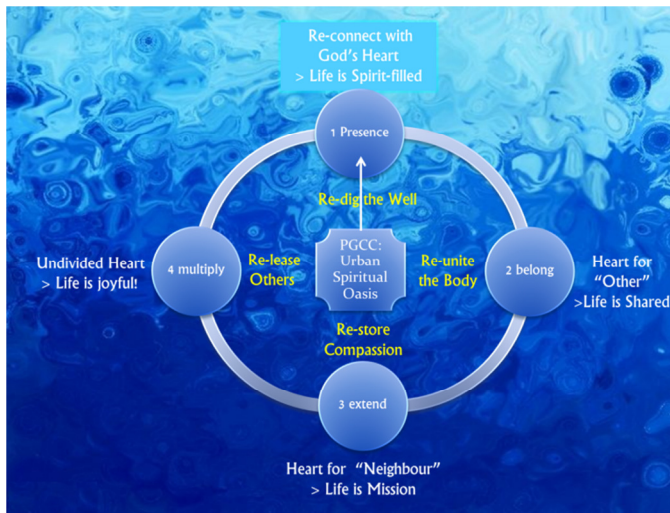
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Refreshed Vision

God is the source of life and vision – He goes before us and then guides us to be about what He is doing. The **vision** for PGCC for this next season is to become an Urban Spiritual Oasis: A place and people who experience the living water of Jesus and are on a path of preparation (discipleship) to become faithful and fruitful for Jesus.

This pathway starts with reconnecting with God's heart (His Presence) – this theme is our fall preaching series. Through this year, we will work to align our people and our ministries to this path of discipleship. If you missed the sermon on September 11th, please go to our newly renovated website and listen (simply click on the Vision Next slide on the home page of www.pgcc.org)

Here is how this path will help us move towards maturity in Christ:



Introductions

1. Interns (God bless the Interns!)

We are blessed to have three Regent College interns working with us this academic year: **Julia Bowering**, **Daniel Francis-Lyon** and **Chris Mukwavi**. Julia interned informally last year as well as joining our staff part time as my Executive Assistant. Thanks to a Government grant, we were able to hire her full time through the summer season. She now returns to the part-time role as a full-time student. Her internship will include Community Life Group administration, preaching and discipleship. Daniel has been with us at PGCC since he began at Regent; he will intern specifically with our Preteen and Youth Ministry. Chris joined us from his native Zambia where he leads a growing congregation;

he will help with a Community Life Group as well as preaching and general ministry.

2. Sunday Preteen Leader

We thank the Lord for **Mark and Lauren Moody** who joined us a few months ago. Mark has agreed to organize and build a team for a new Preteen kids program during the PowerZone time on Sunday mornings. He has PAOC credentials having studied at Summit Pacific and Regent College and worked at churches with children and youth.

3. Kids Ministry Music

It is with great joy that we welcome **Kathy Na** to help us foster a new generation of children with hearts of worship and musical skill.

Opportunities

1. Hearing From God Course: We offer this course to help you personally reconnect to the heart and voice of God. It is very practical and well-facilitated. 10 weeks, at PGCC starting Wed. Sept 21st Contact susanlevert@gmail.com 604.568.2854 for info or to register.
2. Wellspring Prayer: Each Tuesday evening at 7pm at PGCC we present a caring environment for you to quiet your heart and to pray.
3. Community Life Groups: We have several neighbourhood-based groups throughout the city that have the vision of being safe places for people to experience God and to belong; to be known, encouraged and equipped. Contact julia@pgcc.org or call the church office.
4. Service: There are numerous next steps in service within and beyond our church. Want to help with our Sunday morning worship service Connection Team? Do you have experience with music or arts? Want to help disciple the next generation of followers of Jesus – our children and youth need mentors and leaders. Are you pulled toward serving the poor or helping us be a place of refuge for neighbours during challenging times? Are you interested in overseas missions? Call our office or contact a staff member!

With confidence in Christ that our best days are yet ahead, and with earnest prayers for you to personally experience God's living water,

Pastor Greg