

CROSSROADS

COMMUNITY CHURCH



A Church in the Mennonite Church Canada Family of Churches



Church Profile



Greetings in the Name of Jesus!

This pastoral search packet is designed to give potential candidates an overview and profile of the ministry position and the mission, values, and vision of Crossroads Community Church.

As you read this package, please consider prayerfully how Crossroad's mission and values align with your gifts and passion. We trust the Holy Spirit will speak to you and guide your search.

If you sense the Holy Spirit's leading to learn more about whether Crossroads is on the same journey as you, we would love to explore that possibility together, confident in God's good purposes.

We believe that Jesus is the active Lord of his church. We believe he is already preparing a leader who will join us in furthering the Gospel in our small corner of the world.

So whether you sense God connecting you with us or not, may He bless and guide you as you seek his purposes in your life. He does all things well!

In Christ,

The Crossroads Search Team

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Our History

Crossroads Community Church began to take shape in the summer of 1994 as a 'Conference of Mennonites in British Columbia' sponsored church - plant. Within a few months of Doug and Sandy Epp moving into Sardis, a group of 8 families came together with a common desire to impact Chilliwack by reaching out in words and deeds in the name of Jesus Christ.

Developing the Vision

This group formed the first cell and began to meet in the Epp's home. Along with worship and ministry time, this was also a time for developing vision, training, goal setting and planning. On September 25, 1994 they also began to meet for "private" worship celebrations at Sardis Elementary School—18 adults and 20 children attended that first celebration. For the next 7 months, God prepared this group for the public launch of Crossroads Community Church on Easter Sunday, April 16, 1995. By then, through personal contacts, Crossroads had already grown to approximately 70 people.

What's with the name?

Crossroads Community Church was so named after a season of prayer and reflection. It was hoped that Crossroads would be a people who would intersect the life of Chilliwack with the way of Christ AND that it would be a community where people could find healing and hope in Christ when they came to crossroads in their lives. By God's grace, Crossroads has been both; and we continue to worship together and to reach out to each other, our community, and the world.

Recent History

Early in 2019 our then senior pastor, Rob Ayres, disclosed that he felt his 15 years of shepherding Crossroads Church was drawing to a close. Rob resigned effective the end of June, when we brought in a transitional leader to help us say goodbye to another chapter and prepare us for a new beginning.

Our Context

Since its inception Crossroads has met in various schools in our community. We value the casual atmosphere and accessibility this generates in our post-Christian culture. While this creates a greater need for volunteers, Crossroads people pull together to set up and take down our worship environment every Sunday morning.

We currently meet at Vedder Middle School, which is set in a suburban region of Chilliwack just south of the Freeway. Our neighbourhood is middle income, culturally homogenous, and served by two other churches which are both proximate to us.

Mission and Values | Who We Are and Where We're Headed

Our Mission: Together, doing our best to follow the Way of Jesus.

A vision statement is always provisional – our church, and we ourselves, are a work in progress. These statements represent a snapshot of our current commitments and our learning and growing as disciples of Jesus.

What We Care About:

- We value biblical preaching and teaching
- We value engaging worship
- We value children and youth
- We value community & fellowship
- We value caring and compassion
- We value authenticity
- We value local partnerships in mission

We Are Becoming People Who:

- Follow Jesus in discipleship
- Listen to God and Pray daily
- Serve and Reach Out in Love
- Live in hospitality
- Witness to the transforming grace of God in Christ



Ministries

Small Groups

Crossroads Church was born as a church of groups, but drifted away from that early identity. Today we are actively trying to reintroduce groups through recruitment and visibility, and will offer leadership training to new leaders.

Prayer

Crossroads people have been asking for a greater emphasis and renewed practice of prayer. We have recently instituted a congregational prayer segment in our gatherings, and a contemplative prayer ministry has been launched that meets twice a month.

Children

Crossroads has a children's program that is offered to kids from infant to grade 5, and meets every Sunday morning as a group for fellowship, worship, and to learn about Jesus. The group is split into classes divided by age/grade to learn about Jesus and His love in a safe, inclusive, and fun environment, led by caring volunteers.

Youth

In recent years the youth ministry has declined due to a variety of factors including staff turnover. We recently hired Kyle Dyck as an associate pastor geared towards youth ministry. The youth ministry partners with Vedder Middle School which includes an after school program for students. Youth ministry is in a rebuilding phase and the current strategy will continue to be evaluated over the next few months into the summer.

Mexico

In addition to local partnerships, Crossroads connects through "One Life" to a Mexico mission. In 2020 we will travel to San Quintin to build both a house for a family in need and a church building for the local community. This is a long term relationship, and for this year's project we will work in conjunction with Yarrow Alliance. We're excited about all these partnerships. We expect to travel to San Quintin with a group of 21 people, including a mixture of adults and youth.

Partnerships

Crossroads partners with local and trans-local ministries, including Ruth & Naomi's Mission, "One Life, One Chance," the Salvation Army, and Vedder Middle School Hang-Out. We also run seasonal ministries in an attempt to connect with our neighbours, including Spring Break Camp (March of every year) and a Seasonal Block Party (late September or early October).

Our Beliefs and Commitments

We believe in one eternal God (Father, Son, Holy Spirit), Creator and Ruler of all. Therefore, we will submit, as individuals and as a community, to God's authority in all aspects of our lives.

We believe God created everything in perfect harmony, but humanity's sin brought discord into the world and has broken our relationship with God. Therefore, we know we are sinful and fall short of God's original design.

We believe God the Father is love, is just, and pursues a restored relationship with all people. Therefore, we will love, pursue justice and seek reconciliation.

We believe Jesus, God's Son, through his life, death and resurrection provides forgiveness of our sins and restores people to the Father. Therefore, with grateful hearts, we will follow Jesus and share this good news with the world.

We believe the Holy Spirit points people to Jesus, empowering His followers to participate in God's restoring work. He leads and guides us and is our ultimate teacher. Therefore, we will live lives of dependence on the Holy Spirit's power to guide and to transform lives and communities.

We believe the Bible, the true and reliable Word of God, reveals who God is, who we are, and His plan for human community. Therefore, we will fellowship, study, teach and obey God's Word.

We believe the church is a diverse community gathered by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to live like Jesus, loving God and loving others. We are called to give full allegiance to Christ its Head and to witness to every nation, government and society about the redeeming love of God.

We believe worship is the heart-felt response of God's people to who He is and what He has done. Therefore, we will give Him praise in all circumstances and live lives that honor Him in all we say and do.

We believe prayer is an intimate and powerful encounter with God, in which we talk about all things, humbly yielding to His will. Therefore, we will pray regularly and often about all things.

We believe that the mission of the church is to proclaim and to be a sign of the kingdom of God. God has commissioned us to make disciples of all nations.

We place our hope in the reign of God and its fulfillment in the day when Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. He will gather his church after the end of this present age of struggle, the resurrection of the dead, and a new heaven and a new earth. God's people will reign with Christ in justice and peace forever.