

PVUC Dreams

If PVUC could do one thing differently tomorrow, we would ...

- Become an Affirming Congregation
- Attract and keep more younger families
- Become a more intercultural community
- Broaden the worker base to avoid volunteer/disciple burnout
- Update our Mission statement
- Reach out to non-churchgoers (perhaps we are into our second generation non-churchgoers)
- Open house at the church for all those interested (like Open Doors Whitby model – perhaps involve others congregations and faiths)

As you think about the life and work, mission and ministry of PVUC what is essential that you continue to do?

- Worship services that are varied, interesting – music, guest speakers, youth band, brass ensemble, creativity
- Pastoral care – aging, sick, youth, young adults, visit nursing homes, in conjunction with parish Nursing ministry
- Outreach – M&S, especially to youth
- Mission – locally and beyond, donate to charities (golf), assist needy in the community, to seniors homes
- Admin
- Faith study groups – longer than 4 weeks; faith formation from our biblical roots
- Provide spiritual nurturing
- Be welcoming, inviting, accepting
- Continue to be open to change
- Nurture Sunday School and younger families
- Foot clinic
- Continue confirmation classes for youth
- Continue to offer space to the community

If resources (financial and human) were not an issue what would be your dreams for the life and work, mission and ministry of PVUC?

- Go Green – install solar panels on the church roof
- Become a multigenerational, intercultural community
- Hosting all kinds of events – choirs, productions, music and variety
- Use Godly Play curriculum
- Open spaces for drop-in centre for youth and young adults and even adults to know there is a safe place to hang out or to be quiet and have someone listen
- Become an affirming congregation
- Young adult programming with more lively and relevant worship
- Bus
- Visit nursing homes regularly
- Non traditional groups
- Broaden base of volunteers/disciples
- Coffee House
- Breakfast program
- Mission work inside of Canada
- More inter-generational events
- Smart screens and different learning, update computers to laptops
- More outreach to the community – Friday dinner at lunch – for people that need a good meal
- Community homework help after school
- Lunch at coffee hour once a month
- Connecting with first nations communities
- Help other churches financially
- Aid in helping impoverished countries train medical personnel
- Try some contemporary approaches to worship services to appeal to young people
- Reach out to homeless
- More child/youth activities beyond Sunday
- Adult groups – similar to defunct 50+
- Help other causes through our activities or theirs
- Parish nurse
- More outreach and mission work in the community - shelters, help with poverty, food banks, environmental cleanups
- Mission trips – active outreach – home building, financial aid, school building, health care packages

- Shared leadership between the generations – leaning toward more youth/younger leaders
- Youth drop in centre
- Full time youth minister
- Youth band on a regular basis
- Worship appealing to the young adults and 30-50 age group
- Multi – faceted opportunities for people of all ages to be involved – local/international; leadership, sharing gifts ...
- A place for spiritual growth where people are fulfilled, have a strong sense of community
- PVUC's media presence, visibility – possibility of electronic signage

Where do you want PVUC to be in one year's time? Three years? Five years? How will you get there?

- Overall to be an active, alive and thriving congregation
- Blended worship
- Accessible, open, alternative

One year:

- Parish nurse hired
- Affirming congregation
- New mission statement
- More young families
- Social media – twitter
- Youth drop-in
- After school programs
- Music/energy
- Balance the budget
- Intentionality about media attention
- Increase visibility of PVUC in the community (on-going)
- Partner with other churches/faith in area (Open Doors/ open house)

Three Years

- Add another service at a different day/time
- Larger congregation with more diversity
- More active/involvement by young adults and young families

- 3 full-time ministers

Five Years

- More involvement in the local community
- Need to expand the building to cater to a much larger congregation with many more groups meeting for a variety of activities during the week

How to Get There:

- Survey members, potential members
- Inventory of skills - Develop skill sets, training
- Music program
- Pastoral care team
- More involvement with schools
- Persistent and committed to outreach and promoting PVUC in the community
- Choose what you want to do and do it well