

OUTREACH WORKING GROUP REVIEW OF OUTREACH CONSULTATION

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What core principles or values have guided your outreach efforts that you want to ensure continue in the future?

- Inclusivity, hospitality and empathy
- Outward focus on social needs
- Spiritually and theologically-inspired
- Advocacy and social justice orientation

How can these principles reflect commitments to being affirming, anti-racist and partners in reconciliation?

- Alignment with the mission of the church
- Focus on real needs in the community
- Partnering with community groups
- Reaching out to youth
- Leadership support
- Open door, open heart, open mind

When you think about successful outreach initiatives you have done or would like to do, what role does physical space play? What qualities of space helped make those initiatives welcoming and effective for the broader community?

- These questions prompted a “wish list” for an amalgamated community of faith:
- A spiritual, sacred, safe, well-maintained, comfortable, inviting space
- Well-equipped kitchen to allow for safe, efficient meal preparation
- Beauty of the physical space
- Private space
- Accessible and gender-neutral bathrooms
- Safe parking and on a bus route
- Clear signage
- Ecologically sustainable
- Up-to-date technology
- Music resources, including a pipe organ

As we look to the future, what kinds of outreach initiatives or partnerships could we create together as a unified church that reflects our values of inclusivity, reconciliation and justice? What initiatives or partnerships could have far greater impact together than any of our congregations could achieve alone?

- Combined financial strength
- Stronger partnerships with community groups, especially Brunswick Street Mission
- Outreach to refugees and the transient community

- A church food bank
- University student suppers
- LGBTQIA2S+ Centre with a director and staff
- Clear intentions on specific missions
- Transportation to church and church activities