

LOOKING "UP"

WORSHIP & PRAYER

"They continued to meet together in the temple courts... praising God" (Acts 2: 46-47)

As a worshipping community of God's people, we understand ourselves to be a covenant family; diverse and manifold yet united under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. In our times of worship we will seek to encounter God. The Bible will be central to our worship and the guide for all we do as we give priority to praise, prayer and the work of the Holy Spirit.

4 Ambitions for Our Worship & Prayer

1

EMPLOY A MUSIC ASSOCIATE

Enhance | Encourage | Inspire

2

DEVELOP A CULTURE OF PRAYER

Sundays | Weekdays | Intercession | Ministry

3

FOSTER INTER-GENERATIONAL WORSHIP

Inclusive | Blended | Relevant | Meaningful

4

CREATE WORSHIP TEAMS

Singing | Praying | Playing | Planning | Reading

LOOKING "IN"

DISCIPLESHIP & GROWTH

" They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. (Acts 2:42)

Acknowledging that everyone is on a journey, we will expect to see Christians experiencing whole-life transformation. We know that creating opportunities to meet together during the week for study and spiritual growth is a vital part of this. We also believe that God has equipped his church for service by giving us Spiritual gifts to use for His glory in our church and community.

4 Ambitions for Our Discipleship & Growth

1

ESTABLISH LIFE GROUPS

Mid-week | Spiritual Growth | Inclusive | Varied

2

IDENTIFY SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Discover | Nurture | Grow | Flourish

3

PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Body-ministry | Volunteering | Leading

4

DEVELOP LEADERSHIP

Investing | Equipping | Releasing | Resourcing

LOOKING "AROUND"

CONNECTIONS & PASTORAL CARE

"They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need" (Acts 2:45)

Our fellowship is most frequently described as a 'family'. We're delighted about that and want to continue to nurture a sense of belonging to one another. As we look around, we should get to know one another more meaningfully, and seek to meet each others' needs. We also want to be welcoming and generous to those who are new to our fellowship and others who need hospitality.

4 Ambitions for our Connections and Pastoral Care

1

WELCOME THE STRANGER

Welcome team | Website | Signposting

2

ESTABLISH A PASTORAL CARE TEAM

Praying | Visiting | Helping | Caring

3

CHURCH WEEKEND AWAY

Connect | Fellowship | Family | Fun

4

FOSTER HOSPITALITY & GENEROSITY

Sunday lunches | Social events | Sharing

LOOKING "OUT" MISSION & OUTREACH

"Everyone was filled with awe... and the lord added to their number daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2: 46-47)

We want to be ambitious, generous and creative in our mission to the world in which we live. Sharing the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus with our community should be a number 1 priority for each of us. Being 'world Christians' also means that we pray for and financially support others who are engaged in mission both locally and globally.

4 Ambitions for Our Mission and Outreach

1

GO ON MISSION

Overseas teams | Local outreach | Summerfest

2

GIVE TO MISSION

Dublin | Ireland | Europe | World
(Aim: 10% of our income will be for mission)

3

REACH OUT TO LUCAN

Evangelism | Advocacy | Social justice

4

RE-PURPOSE No 4 AS AN OUTREACH HUB

Youth | Elderly | Drop-in | Alpha | Courses

We hope you are as excited as we are.

In 2015 our church family entered a season of listening; listening to God, his Word, and to each other. It was a time of transition.

During that season we heard what Jesus had to say to the churches in Revelation (chapters 2 and 3) and how those challenges were still relevant to the modern church today. We also prayed with a focus on listening to what God was saying to us. Then, in early 2016, we had a whole-church consultation when we asked each other, "What's next?"

This document is the product of much of what we learned in that season. Here we have detailed what we feel God is calling us to as a church. It's probably not perfect and may change as the Spirit directs, but we feel it's a great start.

There are 4 main areas of work for us as we look IN, UP, AROUND and OUT. Under each category we have listed 4 main ambitions, or aspirations, which we hope to get to work on over the next while.

Please take this document in the spirit it is intended. Read it carefully and pray over it as we seek to work it out together.

God Bless,

Richard and Fellow Elders of LPC.

LUCAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

20/20 VISION



A Vision Document to Help
Shape our Church's Life &
Witness