

Dear Friends,

I am excited to share with you an important new chapter in the life of our Church! Every church travels through different seasons - some challenging, some fruitful. I'm thankful that the Lord is always guiding and leading His people and Willow Park Church.

For many years, we have been actively engaged in sharing the Gospel of Jesus in our city, nation and the world. We are grateful for the way in which God has answered prayers and met our needs. The generosity and commitment shown by our congregation is truly remarkable. A few highlights:

- New conversions on an almost weekly basis and increased community connections and outreach
- Paying off nearly \$3,000,000 of debt (amazing!)
- 100's of teens reached in the city for Christ
- People Set Free from the power of sin
- Marriages rescued and healed

THANK YOU for being part of our **R.E.A.L** Life Vision "**To See Lives Transformed by Jesus Christ in the Okanagan Valley**".

WHAT IS THE 2020 VISION?

Over the last few months the lead team and elders have been praying through the budgetary implications of our R.E.A.L Life Vision. As we consider the future and the potential impact on lives locally and globally we are excited about the possibilities.

We believe God is calling us to raise our expectations and faith.

For the first time in many years it was agreed by the members at the AGM to have a "faith budget" for the coming year. This means that we are believing for an increase of \$200,000 in our giving toward the operational budget the next year.

Believing for this increase places us in the wonderful realms of faith and risk. God has always responded when his people place their hope and expectation upon Him and we are believing for that for Willow Park Church.

The **2020 Vision** is very simple:

WE ARE BELIEVING FOR A 20% INCREASE IN OUR GIVING BY THE YEAR 2020.

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If everyone who regularly gives to WPC increased their giving by just **10% this year** and then a further **5% in each of the following two years** we will more than meet our faith goal - **20% increase in giving by 2020.** This would result in an **increase of approximately \$425,000 per year** in giving which would have a huge impact on our ability to minister the gospel in our city, our nation and our world.

HOW CAN I SUPPORT THE 2020 VISION?

If you don't give regularly on a monthly basis (you give at different times throughout the year) please pray about giving each month through our Pre-Authorized Debit system.

If you already give on a monthly basis please pray about increasing it by 10%.

For example:

- If you currently give \$500 a month, pray about increasing your giving by \$50 (10%) a month.
- If you currently give \$50 a month, pray about increasing your giving by \$5 (10%) a month.

Whether you give \$50 a month or \$5000, a small 10% increase leads to significant change.

It might be that as you pray, God instructs you to increase your giving by more than 10%!

NEXT STEPS:

- 1. Complete the 2020 Vision Pre-Authorized Debit form included in this letter:
 - Return in the stamped envelope provided or
 - drop it into the offering bag or
 - drop it off at the church office
- 2. If you prefer you can complete the form online:
 - <u>WPCGIVING.COM</u> will take you straight to the giving page on the Willow Park Church website.

While I am on my sabbatical, please contact Pastor Glen with any questions about the overall **2020 Vision**. He can be contacted through the church office at 250.765.6622.

If you have any specific questions regarding the forms or *how* to give please contact Cheryl at the church office: ccarlson@willowparkchurch.com or 250.765.6880 x125

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers. We are excited to see what God has in store for us here at Willow Park Church.

Every Blessing,

Phil Collins