

April 2024 COE Report

COE April 2024 Report to Congregation

I know that most of you want to see a report on the progress of our new Worship Centre, and its various components. And it's coming... but not quite yet. As our Development Committee continues to work through the details necessary to meet our needs for the coming generations, there is some fine tuning required before it can get the city's approval.

In the meantime, we're struggling with the fact that we need it now, but it could be three years before completion. Currently we're growing at 15% annually, so there are significant concerns about the best way to accommodate such growth. A great problem to have, but one that needs to be solved regardless.

As you know, we have been discussing planting a new campus in Chilliwack, and I'm happy to announce that it has been approved! BCMB (our conference) is supportive, and so are the leadership teams of both Central Community Church and Main Street Church in Chilliwack, for a campus in the Vedder/Garrison neighbourhood of south Sardis.

Next steps:

1. Discern/Hire a potential Church Planter, hopefully by July 1.
2. Pre-launch Gatherings at Downes Rd. on Sunday mornings, September 2024-Spring 2025.
3. Soft-launch in Chilliwack, late Spring/Summer 2025
4. Launch of Chilliwack Campus - Fall 2025

Your prayers are greatly appreciated as we move forward.

But that's not all when it comes to Multiplication. At the end of this report you will find the description of the Multiplication Commission which is now being established at Northview, and the Multiplication Report which shows the many, many ways in which we are fulfilling our vision of seeing a Gospel-focused church within driving distance of every Canadian.

Our first campus plant was Mission, so it was good for us to receive both an update on their progress - it's a healthy and growing congregation - and a strategic plan for the coming decade or so. A great discussion!

The budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 was discussed and approved for recommendation to the membership at our General Meeting of the congregation on June 25th. Details to follow.



One of the highlights of every Elders' meeting is our opportunity to meet with members of our congregation for prayer, as well as to pray for one another and our church. If you would like to join us at one of our meetings, please contact Carrie (cklassen@northview.org).

Thanks for your continued prayers!

MULTIPLICATION REPORT - APRIL 2024

Church Planting Commission:

COE approved the formation of a church planting commission at the March 2024 meeting. We have begun gathering a list of names - potential commission members and hope to have a team pulled together before summer. Ezra has put together a one-page overview/description of the commission - (attached).

New Conversations - Opportunities

- TriCity Church planting in Maple Ridge. Matt Glezos and the leadership team at TriCity church are in the initial stages of prayerful discernment regarding planting an independent church in Maple Ridge. They are inviting our support and input as they involve their congregation and chart a path forward.
- Chilliwack Planting proposal (now approved).
- Living Hope Church (MB) Kelowna has requested our partnership.
- We are moving forward with partnership conversations with:
 - Chris Pignaitello - Edmonton
 - Wesley Hynd - Calgary
 - Colton Carrick - Charlottetown PEI
 - Clay Bitner - Moving from Warman SK to plant in Edmonton

Church Planters Retreat

We are excited to be able to host our first Northview Church Planting Partners retreat in Whistler BC this coming fall. We will be hosting up to 40 church planting couples for 3 days/2 nights and have a good line-up of speakers who will encourage and refresh our planting couples.

Existing Partnerships

- North Peace MB - planting Creekside Fellowship, Dawson Creek
- Praxis Church - Kelowna
- Christ City Church - Surrey plant





- Harrison BC campus of Central CHWK
- Southeast City Church - Ottawa
- Mile One Mission - Kilbride Community, Downtown Community & Goose Bay Community Churches
- Mission Hill Church - Calgary

Past Gifts/Capital Partnerships

- Midtown Church (Vancouver BC)
- Central Harrison (Harrison BC)
- Calvary Baptist (St John's)
- Creekside Fellowship (Dawson Creek)
- Langley Meadows Church (South Abby plant)
- Rail City Church (Coquitlam Alliance Port Moody Plant)
- Port City Church (Halifax NS)
- Church of the Messiah (Ottawa, ON)

On-Going Agency Support

- Mile One Mission - NFLD
- Multiply - Indigenous Support & Punjabi Support
- C2C Network - General Fund and Church Planter's Wives Support
- City to City Canada - Start up funding for new initiative

FINANCIAL FRAMEWORK (DRAFT - SPRING 2024)

Preamble: This document aims to offer a concise overview of the different methods through which the SLT has distributed funds in the Multiplication budget. Its purpose is to ensure transparency with the COE, solicit input, and gather feedback as we navigate our path ahead. Given Northview's commitment to generous giving in this ministry area, the SLT believes it is vital for the COE to be apprised of our envisioned allocation and stewardship of these ministry funds.

Current Budget Expenditures: Northview's Multiplication Budget for 2023/2024 amounts to nearly three-quarters of a million dollars, representing a substantial portion of our overall budget. This generous allocation is invested across three primary categories:

1. Continued financial support of partner agencies engaged in work within locations or among people groups where Northview cannot or chooses not to plant directly.
2. Funding support for new church plants that align with Northview's theological beliefs and philosophical ministry practices.
3. Designation of funds for Northview's internal church planting initiatives and any ad hoc projects that arise during the year. This includes financial support for strategic conferences or events sponsored by Northview aimed at advancing gospel proclamation and church planting.

Funding Model

1. Partner Agency Support
 - a. Partner agencies/ministries we are supporting
 - i. Mile One Mission - NFLD
 - ii. C2C Collective & City to City Canada - Church Planting Agencies
 - iii. Multiply Punjabi and First Nations Ministries
 - iv. Mission Hill Church Calgary (MB) - Church planting catalyst support
2. Northview's relationships with supported planters and Partner Agencies will undergo annual evaluations based on their effectiveness and alignment with Northview's ministry objectives.

Church Planter Support

1. The total allocated funds for Church Planter support amount to \$250K per year.
2. The formula for church planter support will be structured around a three-year declining investment, outlined as follows:
 - a. For MB partners, the support is set at \$75k over three years; (\$36K/\$24K/\$12K + \$3K resourcing)
 - b. For Non-MB partners, the support is set at \$45k over three years; (\$24K/\$12K/\$6K + \$3K resourcing)
3. Funding priority will be given to MB partners.
4. The availability of funds within the funding model will be a key factor considered during the planter support approval process.
5. This model would enable us to provide ongoing support for between 9 and 12 planters.
6. One-time gifts for start up expenses considered on a case by case basis.
7. Capital requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
8. Current examples of partner church planting support (Currently @ \$70K):
 - a. Harrison replant support going to Central Chilliwack (MB)
 - b. Surrey site of Christ City Church (MB)
 - c. Southeast City Church Plant - Ottawa (MB)
 - d. Past support: Creekside Church (Dawson Creek)
 - e. One-time gifts: Redemption Church (PEI), Meadows Church (Langley)

Northview Internal Church Planting Initiatives

1. Northview plants will be entirely funded by Northview, utilising a combination of funds from the staff compensation budget and the multiplication fund.
2. Initiatives that we consider being Northview "direct" planting:
 - a. Support to Praxis Church
 - b. Support of future plants like Chilliwack and Maple Ridge
 - c. Hosting of Church Planters Retreat and Preaching Conference

MULTIPLICATION COMMISSION

The Multiplication Commission will work collaboratively with the Executive Pastor of Multiplication and the SLT (Senior Leadership Team) to advance Northview's vision for multiplication through the establishment of church plants and church planting partnerships across Canada.

The Commission will be chaired by the Executive Pastor of Multiplication, and will comprise at least one Northview elder and an additional 3 members for a total of 5 commission members.

Key Responsibilities:

1. **Strategic Planning:** The Commission will collaborate with the Executive Pastor of Multiplication in overseeing Northview's comprehensive strategies for church planting, identifying target areas, assessing community needs, and setting clear objectives for potential Northview plants.
2. **Resource Allocation:** The Commission will ensure financial resources and other assets are allocated thoughtfully to support church planting efforts, ensuring efficient utilisation and alignment with Northview's priorities.
3. **Financial Oversight:** Working closely with the Executive Pastor of Multiplication and the SLT, the Commission will provide financial oversight and accountability over Northview's multiplication resources to ensure responsible budgeting and financial management of church planting funds.
4. **Evaluation and Assessment of potential partnerships and planters:** The commission will evaluate and assess church planting partnership applications. The evaluations process will include interviews, evaluation of the applicant's theological alignment with Northview, their planting philosophy and strategy. Successful applicants will be recommended to the COE for partnership approval.