

Vision 2020



To be a fruitful community



Fruitful in our own lives
John 15.8

Fruitful in our life together
Luke 13.6-9

Fruitful in our mission
John 21.1-6



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Fruitful Communities:
a church of small groups

One Tree
Different Branches
Variety of Fruit



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Fruitful Communities: *a church of small groups*

A new framework of meetings
Fresh expressions of mission
A new structure of leadership



A new framework of meetings



which recognises:

- old model doesn't work for everyone
- one size does not fit all
- HS doing a new thing



which promotes:

- unity
- diversity
- responsibility
- creativity



which values:

- participation
- learning
- application
- accountability



**Fresh expressions of
mission**



- context has changed
- invitational / attractational model unfruitful;
- Incarnational model;
- HS is doing a new thing
- 'aim' is different



A new framework of meetings



Celebrations

- Gathered
- Building the body
- Inspirational



All-Ages

- Gathered
- Building the body and Reaching new people



House meetings

- Dispersed
- Building the body
- Learning Communities
- Discussion based
- Application focused



Small Missional Communities

- Dispersed
- Reaching New People



SMC's

- Walking; Mountain-biking;
- Litter picking; Gardening;
- Community Lunch;
- Residential homes;
- Pastoral-visiting;
- Graft gatherings;
- Forest / Messy Church;
- **What's in your hand?**
- **Creative imagination**



A monthly framework

- 1: (Gathered) Celebration (In)
- 2: (Dispersed) 'House' Groups (In)
- 3: (Gathered) 'All-Age' (In/Out)
- 4: (Dispersed) SMC's (Out)
- 5: 4 in 2020 - specials



**A new structure of
leadership**



- Does not rely on the professional 'Pastor';
- Expands Diaconate;
- Emphasises Membership;
- Invites external input;



No 'professional' Pastor



(i) Can't afford it

- Major cost
- Deficit
- Diminishing capital
- Other demands



(ii) Need to think strategically

- Pastor looks 'In'
- Evangelist looks 'Out'
- FireStarters
- Use resources for mission



Expand Diaconate

- Deacons
- Elders
- Younger people



Membership Roles

- Fabric; Pastoral;
- Co-ordinated by Deacons;



External support

- apostolic
- non-executive
- supports elders
- regular input into 'church' life
- prayer covering
- teaching & outreach



Who?

- Local Network (SBF)
- Another local Church (GH)
- Trusted friend/s



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which promotes

Fresh expressions of mission

supported & resourced by

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