

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



**A new framework for  
gathering**

**A fresh framework of  
mission**



## A new framework for gathering

which recognises:

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





## A new framework for gathering

which promotes:

- unity
- diversity
- responsibility
- creativity



## A new framework for gathering

which values:

- participation
- learning
- application
- accountability



## A fresh framework of mission

- context has changed
- Invite / attract model unfruitful; incarnational
- HS is doing a new thing
- 'aim' is different



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## A church of small groups

would require a new:

- framework for gathering
- framework of oversight



# New Gatherings



## **‘Celebrations’**

- Gathered
- Focus: ‘In’
- Inspirational



## 'All-Ages'

- Gathered
- Focus: 'In' & 'Out'





## **‘House’ meetings**

- Dispersed
- Focus: ‘In’
- ‘Learning Communities’
- Discussion based
- Application focused



## Small Missional Communities

- Dispersed
- Focus: 'Out'



## SMC's

- Fresh Expressions;
- 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



## New Oversight



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1. Does not rely on the professional 'Pastor' model;
2. Expands Diaconate;
3. Emphasises Membership;
4. External support;



**No 'professional' Pastor  
Why?**



## (i) Can't afford it

- Major cost
- Deficit
- Diminishing capital
- Other demands





## **(ii) Need to think strategically**

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



**Expand Diaconate**



## Emphasise Membership

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



## External support

- 'apostolic'
- 'non-executive'
- regular input
- prayer covering
- teaching & outreach



## Who?

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