



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Roundtable on Collaborating for City Transformation

### **Growing and sustaining a movement**

#### **Key points:**

- **Leadership**
  - Humility: none of us are worthy or fully prepared for the role; God typically calls the unlikely person who nevertheless shares God's heart and perspective
  - Strong call/passion: called to a *place* as much as to a role; a number of core leaders have covenanted together to live in their city until they die.
  - Camaraderie: like a soldier said, "my life was saved many times by comrades who, I am certain, did not like me."
- **Being together:**
  - Maintain a place for unity
  - Work hard at laying and protecting a foundation of trust
  - Gospel work is full of pain and grief—be transparent with each other, so God can transform our brokenness and burdens for the city
- **Seeing together** and affirming identity
  - See the city with God's eyes/calling
- **Prayer**
  - City prayer meetings; establish a monthly schedule
  - Go where the hurt is; pray at specific sites of pain/tension
  - Pray boldly

#### **Bases of transforming a community:**

- **Radical hospitality**
- **Storytelling** supported and opportunities created for mutual exchange within a context of a healthy community.
- **Increased awareness** that people in our churches are being forced by housing costs to migrate across the region, and that as they move into new churches they connect congregations and denominations relationally



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Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM – 4 PM @ Tenth Avenue Church, 11 West 10<sup>th</sup> Ave, Vancouver

## Summary of Round Table Discussions

### “Connecting the city” Group Challenge

#### The goal of the Challenge

1. Learn how to use a tool (“the pizza chart”) for identifying needs, opportunities, resources, partners
2. brainstorm project ideas around specific needs that cut across the city as a whole
3. Outline new forms of faith-based civic infrastructure that are needed or would be helpful to accomplish the releasing of resources.
4. Express leaders’ interest and the estimated interest of their constituency in each proposed project/ goal of holistic topics.

#### This challenge encouraged

- a) Leaders to think through how the contributions of multiple sectors have enhanced or could enhance or could help birth holistic response.
- b) Leaders to think through how the resources for the church could be connected and then engaged with the city institutions and sectors in ways that would either enhance or help birth this work.

#### **Proposed Topics:** (*Italicized topics were not discussed*)

1. Refugees and Recent Immigrants
2. First Nations
3. Single mother households
4. Youth-at-risk
5. *Food Security*
6. Addictions & Recovery
7. *HIV/AIDS*
8. *Persons with Disabilities*
9. Isolated & Poor Elderly
10. Gentrification of Downtown Eastside/  
Whalley etc
11. *Persons with Mental Illness*
12. Homelessness Services



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### **The top two apparent priorities** *(for the leaders in the room)*

- 1) Homelessness (especially for families)
- 2) Single-parent families

Common elements/needs between these two priorities:

- Affordable housing (communal living)
- Public policy engagement
- Direct church involvement with individuals affected
- Capital for projects.
- Holistic health services involved in prevention
- Direct Subsidy (for sports, the arts etc...)
- Jobs (readiness training)
- Education of Churches
- Daycare

Besides single parents and homelessness, other identified priorities are:

- 3) Refugees and New Immigrants
- 4) Isolated Poor and Elderly
- 5) First Nations



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### Homelessness Services

#### Summary:

- Encourage Community resource sharing (assets)
- Develop further network/connections
- Avoid overlap into other ministries
- Ask homeless people what they need to be empowered
- Educate the church on social justice issues
- Engage children/youth to learn and engage with homelessness issues
- Educate on not-in-my-backyard (NIMBY) ism
- Engage activists to bring awareness
  - Diana Krall
  - Others
- Promote intentional friendships.
- Even out the continuum of care as we network with city and faith organisations.
- Develop further prayer/healing ministries
- Engage businesses

*We are in urgent need of fire:*

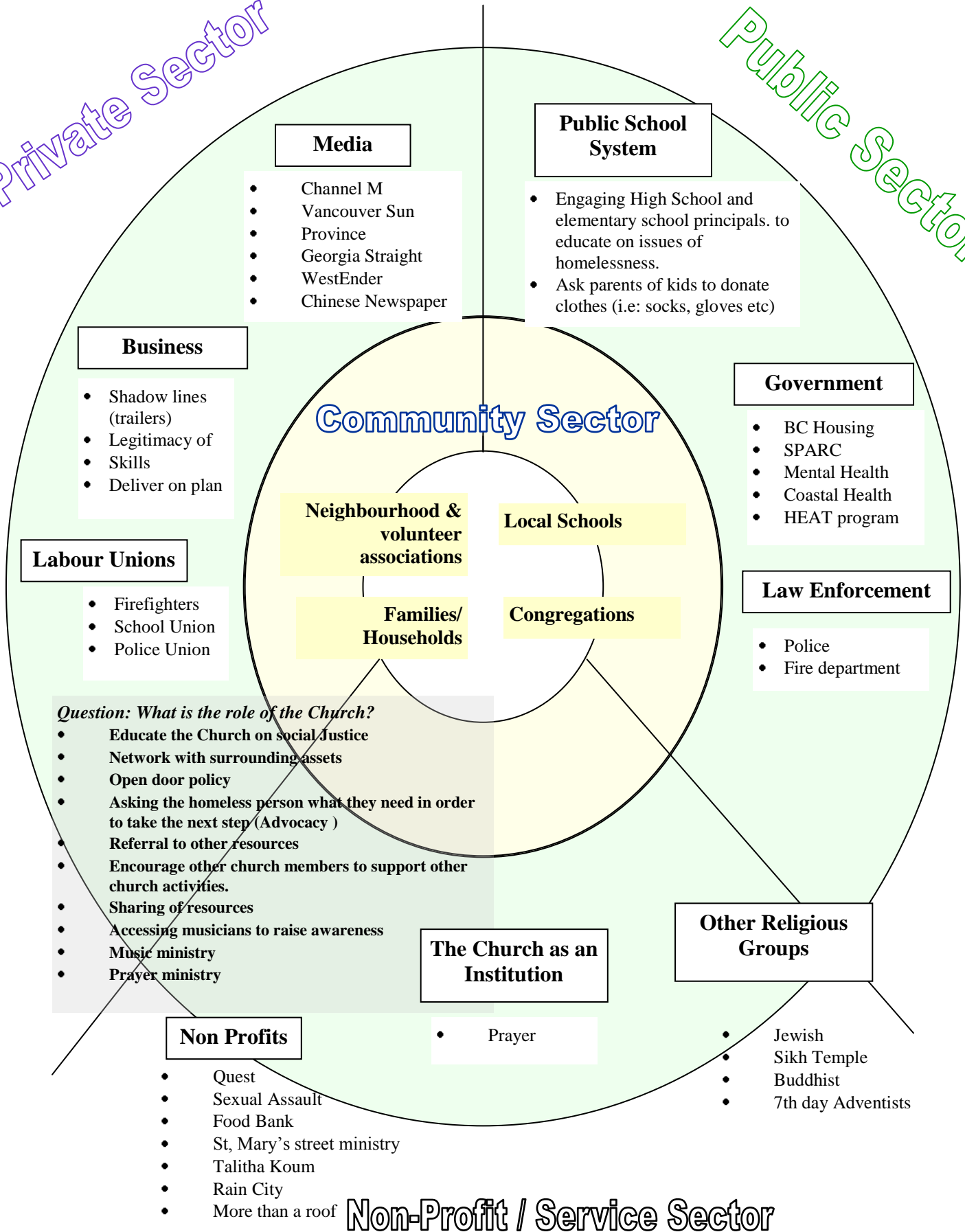
- Warm fire (hearth)
- Community
- Transformation
- Fire of God
- Burn off the dross
- Refined in the fire



## Homelessness Services

Private Sector

Public Sector



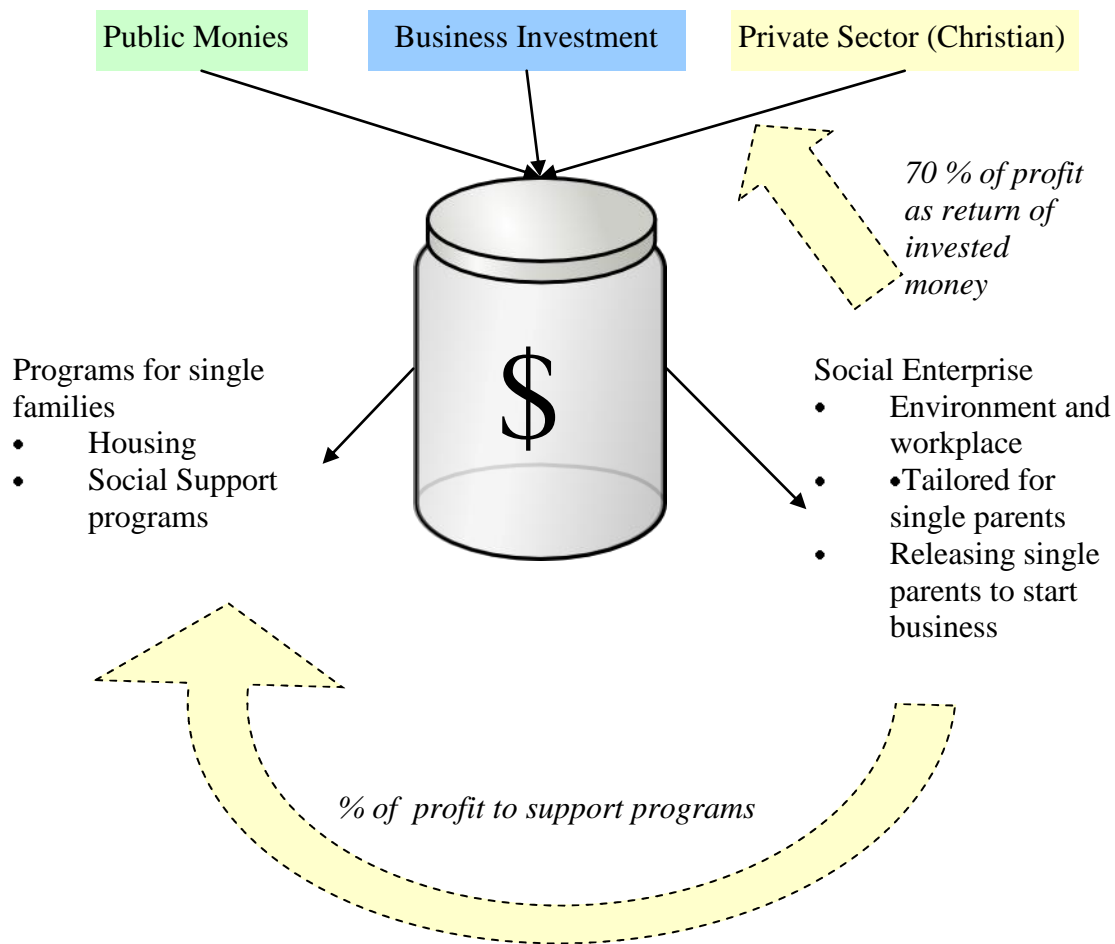


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**Mission:** to assist today's single parent homes (modern widows and orphans)

**Vision:** Holistic health through the church as investment engine/ or single parent families.





## Single Parent Families

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Public Sector

### Outcome:

- Reduce housing waiting list by % (families as priority)
- Widely publicise cost of living

### Media

Awareness of no federal policies/emphasis.

### Public School System

Awareness of no federal policies/emphasis.

All sectors must help identify and address invisible need of families who are not making themselves known.

### Business

- Shadow lines (trailers)
- Legitimacy of
- Skills
- Deliver on plan

\* Collaborate on affordable housing!

### Government

Change of law to accommodate single parent needs (i.e: sick days for parent with sick child)

### Labour Unions

- Breaking barriers of gender
- Fair wage
- Workplace Environment

## Community Sector

Neighbourhood & volunteer associations

Local Schools

Families/ Households

Congregations

### Law Enforcement

Identifying the outcome of not addressing the issues.

### Vision: Holistic Health

- Environment
- Emotional
- Physical
- Social
- Intellectual
- Spiritual

### Non Profits

- Land development

### Other Religious Groups

### The Church as an Institution

- Creating a village
- Gospel and kingdom aligned : Love God AND neighbour (not God OR neighbour)

### Identifying and addressing quality of life and needs of single parent households:

- Mentoring
- Child care
- Parent respite
- Parent Education
  - life skills
  - Bridging programs
  - Responsibilities of fatherhood
- Support of spouse (non-custodial parents)
- Integrated local deaconates (acts 6)

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## Refugees and Recent Immigrants

Private Sector

Public Sector

There is the need to connect:  
Information Workers Projects

### Media

- Tell Story
- in a positive way
  - Give a voice to cross-cultures
  - Provide an avenue for ongoing cultural awareness

### Public School System

- Transitional skills
- Language
  - Social awareness
  - Integration
  - Tolerance
  - Respect

### Business

- Employment support

### Government

- Grants
- Advocacy
- Representation

## Community Sector

### Neighbourhood & volunteer associations

### Local Schools

### Families/ Households

### Congregations

- Discover existing links
- Website
  - Hire students (government grants) to input information from each church

- Primary needs of refugees/immigrants
- Housing
  - Food
  - Relationships
  - Transitional skills (education, Language, ESL ...)

### Law Enforcement

- Civil awareness

### Labour Unions

### Non Profits

- Resettlement
- PIRS advocacy

### Other Religious Groups

### The Church as an Institution

- Allows expression of diversity.  
CORAM, new hope:
- Integration of parents
  - Sanctuary ?
  - Partnerships with poor, ethnic first generation
  - Wide exposure

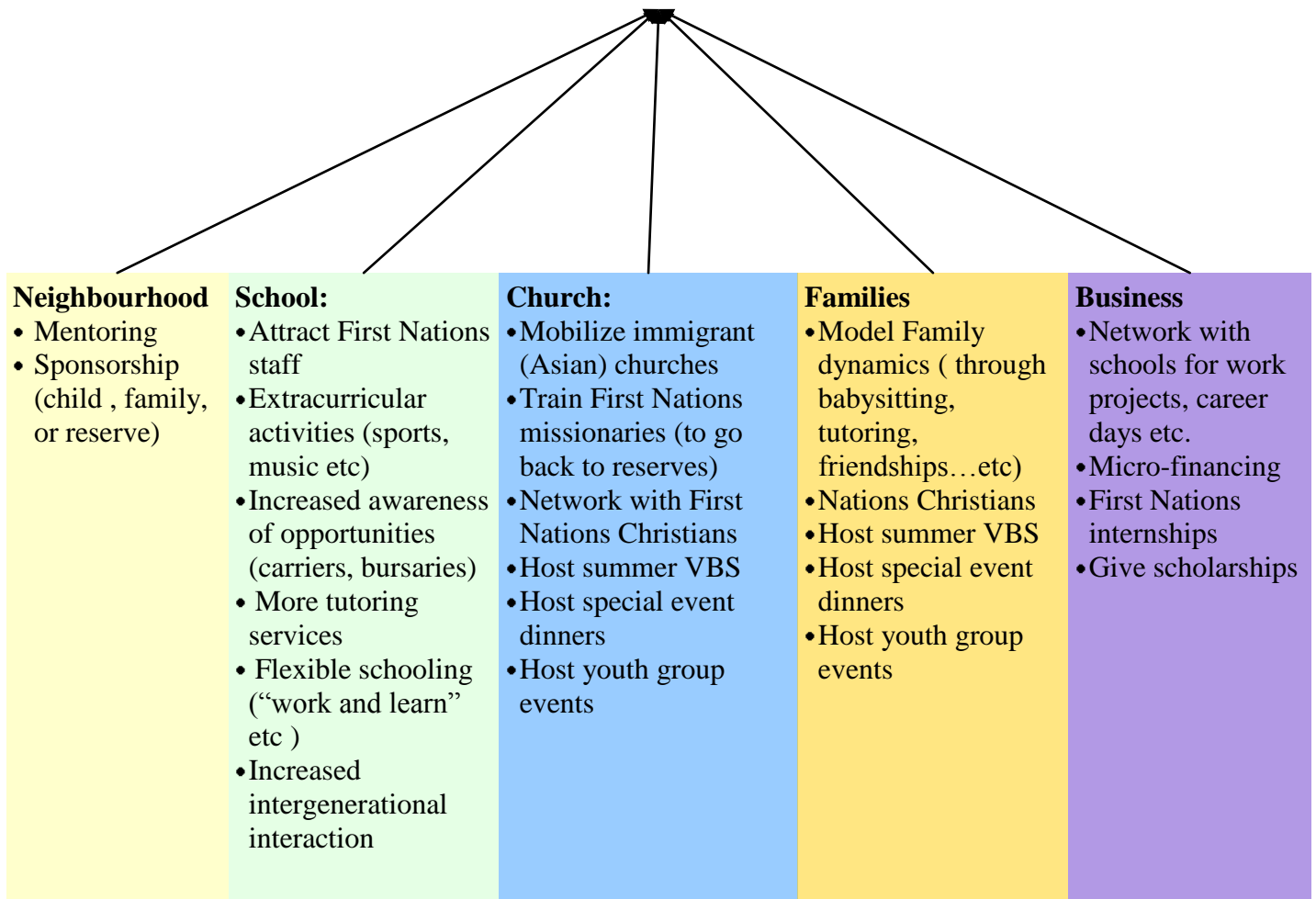
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### Media

- Celebrate their culture
- Promote high school gradates (success stories etc)

### Public School System

- Attract First Nations staff
- Awareness of bursaries and opportunities after high school
- Sports (free) and other extra curricular activities
- Tutoring
- Flexible school schedules
- More inter-generational interaction
- Music programs
- Mentoring

### Business

- Job-training
- Micro-financing
- Upgrading
- Internships
- Connect with schools

## Community Sector

### Neighbourhood & volunteer associations

-create a place where they can have a voice

- Mentoring: (through Big Brother/sisters)
- Sponsorship
- Work with reserves

### Local Schools

### Congregations

-Summer VBS

### Families/ Households

- Babysitting
- Friendship and involvement with families
- Tutoring

### Government

- Budgeting workshop
- Bursaries
- Improve housing and reserve facilities
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### Labour Unions

### Law Enforcement

- Sensitivity training

Ask them what they need and see what they can teach us  
 - Knowledge of flora (food security, medicine, environmental concerns etc)

### Non Profits

- Self-employment program
- Property management training
- Income tax services
- Cultural centres
- Drop-in centre
- Training on how to best manage resources

Inner healing

### Other Religious Groups

### The Church as an Institution

- Gym nights
- Special event meals
- House/support drop in centres
- Mobilize Immigrant Churches
- Train first nations missionaries
- Network with First Nations Churches on reserves

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### **Youth-at-Risk**

**Goal:** Reduce dropout rate of high school by 30%

**Data collection:**

What percent?

What is happening to those who drop out?

Find out who, and which organizations work with students who have dropped out.

**Connect** with a gatekeeper (i.e.: school, police etc)

**Plan**

What can the faith community do?



## Youth at risk

**Goal:** Increase high school graduation.

*Private Sector*

*Public Sector*

*1st nations: 50% risk  
Rest: 30%*

### Community Sector

**Neighbourhood & volunteer associations**

**Local Schools**

**Congregations**

**Families/ Households**

**Non Profits**

**Other Religious Groups**

**The Church as an Institution**

- Prayer
- Information

**Media**

- Expose issues
- Provide examples of programs that work with youth

**Public School System**

- Tutors, after school
- Parent awareness
- Who ?

**Business**

- Provide money for housing and training
- Provide mentoring and skills

**Government**

- Foster parents who are more accountable
- information

**Labour Unions**

- Hiring
- Working with businesses

**Law Enforcement**

- Who are in trouble
- What kind?

- Foster kids
- Housing
- Addictions (drugs)
- Education
- Right/wrong
- Sex
- ID
- Faith

*connect*

*Bring people from each sector to ID issues of youth at risk to bring awareness.*

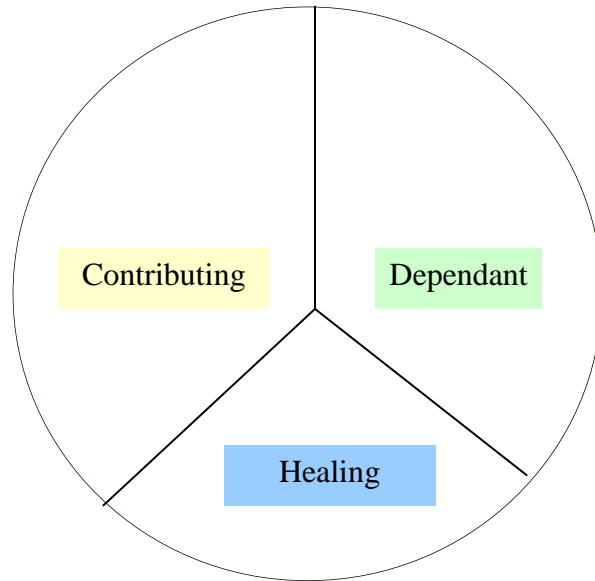
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### **Addictions & Recovery**

“Healthy communities through victory over addiction as seen in holistic, recovered living.”





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### **Isolated Poor and Elderly**

- Evaluate contextual needs of the isolate poor and elderly
- Congregational asset mapping
- Core project: connecting the wisdom and history of seniors with local students.
- Secondary asset mapping process with interested parties

*Longer term: Drawing on/networking with assets of other sources*

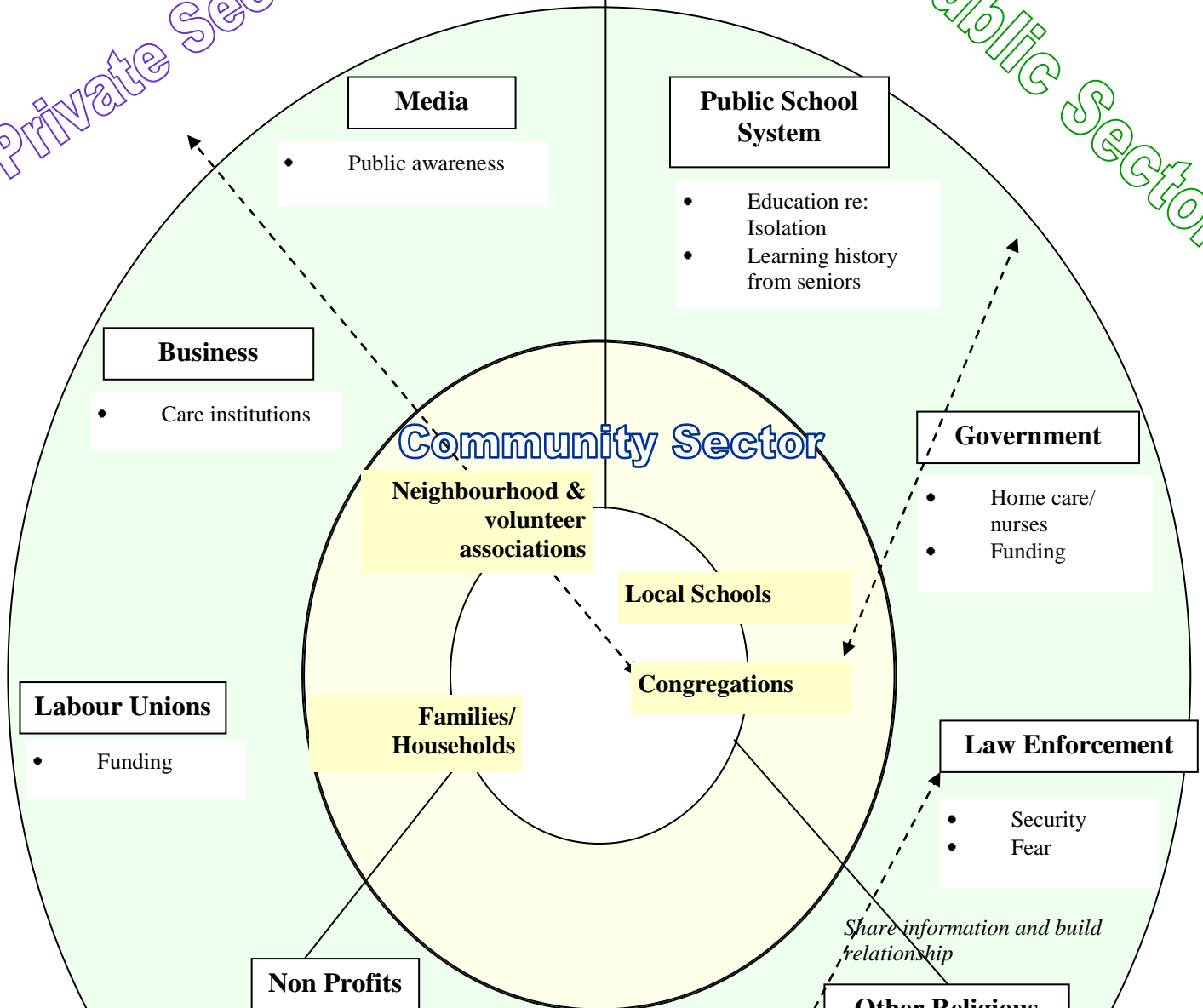


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- Step 1)**
- evaluate the context and need
  - Numbers, quality, key aspects
  - Different cultures, languages
  - Their contribution possibilities, mentor program
  - Define some objective goals
    - increase independence and quality of life
    - increase sense of integration by activities and interaction
    - decrease costs (government and RCMP in involvement)

- Step 2)**
- Evaluate the context and need
  - Numbers, quality, key aspects
  - Different cultures, languages
  - Their contribution possibilities, mentor program
  - Define some objective goals

- Step 3)**
- Coordinate project
  - Identify 5-15 people who are committed, and identify 1 leader.

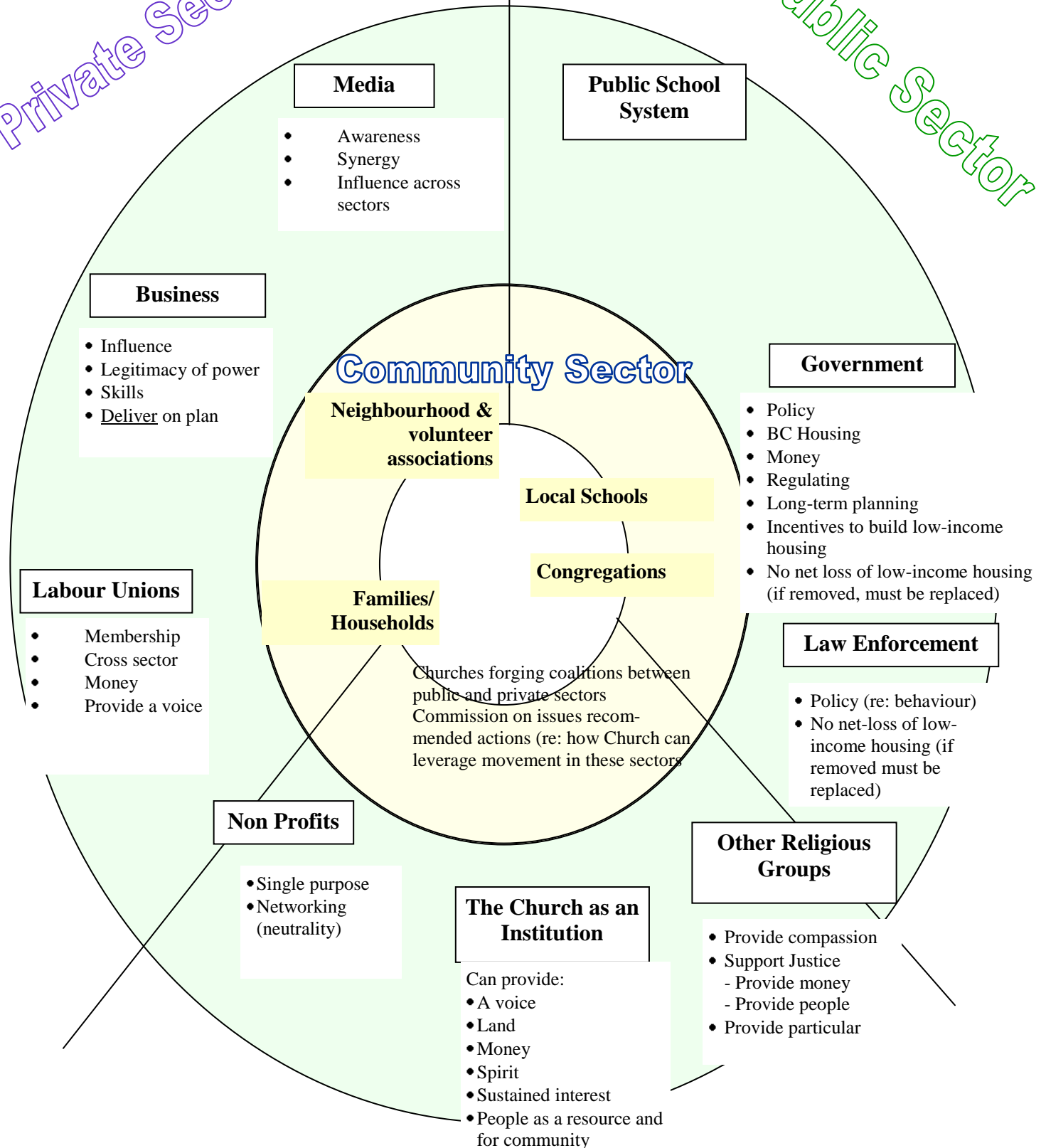
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## Gentrification

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