

Pursuing



*Churches Learning  
to Pursue the Good of the City Together*

*Vancouver --April 2010*

# before TrueCity 1998-2004

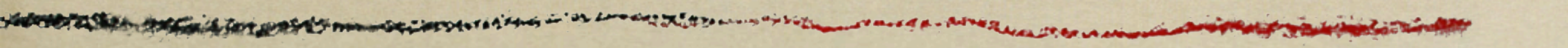
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- *Seeing Urban Canada with Missionary Eyes*
- *In search of neighbourhood engaged churches*
- *Scaffolding: Finding Concrete ways to Model Church-based Mission*

# birth and identity--2004

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- *Churches ask Para-church to “Come Alongside”*
- *Naming Process*
- *Key Issue--Co-ownership*



◦ *Introducing TrueCity Video*

# Working Together--2005

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- *Learning Event--TrueCity Conference*
  - *united task*
  - *mutual learning*
  - *public face*
- *Responding to God's Call--Micah House*
  - *first fruits of churches together*

# Working Together--2005

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- *Embracing New Arrivals*  
*video*

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- *church births a para-church*

# Growing Shared Values--2006

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- *Discovering what holds us together--*
  - *process*
  - *results*

# Growing Shared Values--2006

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- *Congregationally-based*—congregations are at the heart of this movement
- *Neighbourhood Focused*— the focus of our mission is how our congregations can contribute meaningfully to neighbourhoods
- *Active Cooperation*— we aim to move beyond theoretical unity to relationships of trust and tangible cooperation where our diversity of perspective and gifting enhances our unity.

# Growing Shared Values--2006

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- *Humble Orthodoxy*--confidence in the gospel of Jesus Christ enables us to interact widely with respect and generosity. Submission to Christ compels us to love as God loves with Jesus as our guide.
- ★ *Statement of Faith*— the TrueCity statement of faith fleshes out what we mean by “Orthodoxy”

# Growing Shared Values--2006

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- *Margins at the Centre*— Active presence among those on the social margins who are regularly overlooked and wronged by our society will bring real health and vibrancy for our churches and our city.
- *Whole City View*— we are committed to engaging the whole of Hamilton
- *Growth through Participation*— we grow in Christ as together we engage in his work
- *These values give substance to how those involved in TrueCity understand the concept of missional church*

# Growing Shared Values--2006

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- *Learning to Collaborate*
- *Overwhelming response to the 2006 Conference*
  - *Shift in participation*
- *testimony--missional development*
- *Key Issue--Managing Expectations*

# Growing Shared Values--2006

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- *Neighbourhood Engagement*
  - *video*

# Creating Covenant--2007

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- *Background--Levels of Partnership*
- *Deepening and Broadening Commitment*
- *Process--unity amidst diversity*
- *Covenanting Services: Unity in Mission*

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- *Key issue--what on-going significance does covenanting have?*

# Cultivating Vision Together--2008

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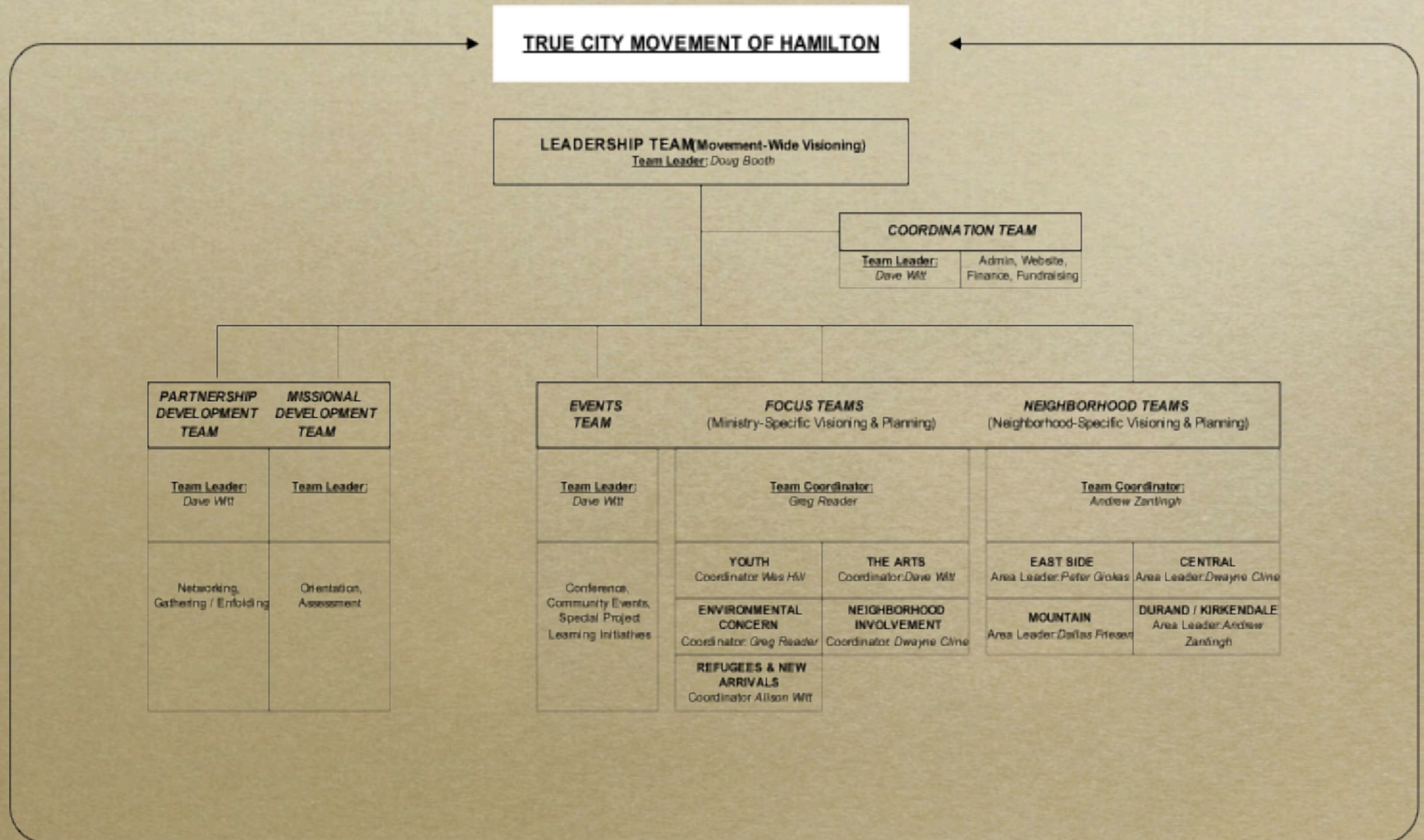
- *Appreciative Process*
- *Three Horizons--Exegeting the Tagline*
- *Creating Structure*
- *Key Issue: How do you structure a movement?*

# Cultivating Vision Together--2008

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- *TrueCity Horizons Video*

# Cultivating Vision Together--2008



# Pursuing Shared Projects--2009

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- *Missional Discernment Project*
  - *Pursuit of Horizon 1*
  - *Engaged two churches*
- *Partnership Development Project*
  - *Pursuit of Horizon 2*
  - *Navigating Structural Realities*
  - *Earhorns and Story-telling*

# Pursuing Shared Projects--2009

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- *New Immigrant Welcome Project*
  - *Horizon 3--Focus Team Digging Deeper*
  - *DMiss Project--worked with four churches*
- *Key Issue: Capacity*

# Pursuing Shared Projects--2009

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- *The Gospel of Welcome Video*

# Finding Ways Forward--2010

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- *Barriers/Limits*

- *From Conference to Celebration*

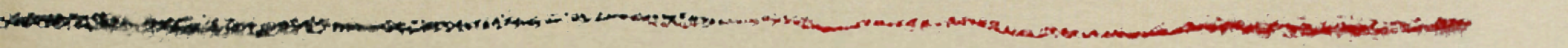
- *Continued Growth*

- *Peer Mentoring Group*

- *24/7 Week of Prayer*

- *First Nations Welcome*

- *Key Issues: Leadership and Ownership*



○ *First Nations Welcome video*