



Church Plant Profile

God's House of Many Faces

Location: Vancouver, BC

Community: Downtown Eastside

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Start Date: May 1, 2009

Partner(s): Kitsilano Christian Community Church, CBWC Church Planting Team

History: God's House of Many Faces was birthed with a question from an 11 year old named Jayden who asked "when can we have church in my neighbourhood so I can bring all of my friends and not just as many as fit in the car?" This question gave rise to an investigation and then an invitation to start a new work in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver based out of relationships with friends from Union Gospel Mission who had been being bussed to Kitsilano Christian Community for the previous 3 years. As we talked with these families, the desire for a church in the neighbourhood that would be a safe and welcoming place for all ages and all backgrounds was clearly expressed. We began a parallel journey between residents of the Downtown Eastside exploring what they wanted in a church and Kitsilano Christian Community discerning their calling to plant such a church through releasing staff and a small core team from Kits who would re-locate to this neighbourhood. This new church started meeting on Good Friday 2009 and is currently made up of mostly First Nations and first generation immigrant families and singles. We are a church born of a question and an invitation and want to continue to have a posture of listening and responding to the movements of the Spirit in this neighbourhood and among these people.

Vision/Mission:

Purpose: To represent the reconciling and transforming power of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Vision: Imagine a community transformed by Christ where you can:

- Come as you are
- Discover and grow in a loving relationship with God
- Support neighbour and stranger in practical and spiritual ways
- Participate in the reconciling nature of the gospel of Jesus Christ in ways that transform relationships, structures and people.

Mission

To build, model and empower Christ-shaped communities that

- affirm and seek to restore the dignity of all persons regardless of race, background or position in life as those who bear the divine image
- intentionally seeks out reconciliation in all relationships
- pursues gospel informed renewal in family, culture and society.
- follows Jesus with humility, courage and self-sacrifice.

Ministry Focus(s):

- Children and families in the downtown eastside especially Aboriginal Families and new immigrant families.
- Christian Community Development
- Racial and class reconciliation

Worship Times & Location: 2:00 pm, green space north of the Georgia Viaduct

Current size: 80 people connected to us. 25 worshipping with us weekly

Needs:

- Financial resources
- Prayer support
- Growth in Ministry to Children
- Employment for several church attendees
- Need covered worshipping space for winter months. Most interested in catering tents.