

# Vision Night

Sunday, June 10, 2018 at 7:30pm



## Central Community Church – Fifth Campus Opportunity

“We exist to be authentic followers of Jesus who lead others to follow him; we aim to see the entire eastern Fraser Valley transformed by the gospel for the glory of God and good of all people.” This past year has seen much change at Central, including the launch of a new campus in Promontory, and

the beginning steps of revitalizing and taking over North Fraser Community Church in Lake Errock as a campus of Central – both opportunities aligning with our vision of seeing the transformational work of the gospel change lives in those communities.

As we have surveyed the landscape, it appears that God is asking us to take another step of faith in re-launching Harrison Gospel Chapel (HGC) as a Central campus! A number of months ago, the leadership of HGC approached Central’s Elders, asking if they would pray about taking Harrison on as a campus, in order to provide renewed vision for the church. The Elders have taken cautious steps in praying about this opportunity, and have looked thoroughly at all the implications, including staffing, finances, and resources.

### WHY WE SHOULD CONSIDER THIS

Even though Central’s Elders and pastoral team were not looking for another campus opportunity so soon, they have had an underlying openhandedness to God’s purposes in and through Central’s vision of reaching eastern Fraser Valley communities with a gospel presence. Knowing the unique ministry opportunities in the community of Harrison, which is an area that continues to grow, and an influx of families who vacation there year-round, there is a vital need for solid Biblical teaching and a gospel presence there. We currently have a partnership with HGC through the District Youth ministry, which has given many youth the opportunity to hear the gospel already. HGC is entering a season where God is calling them to a fresh vision, and God is seemingly opening this door for Central. Our hearts’ desire is that our faith and trust in God will be bigger than our sight, our understanding, and our fears, while relying on Him to clearly open or close this door.

### STRATEGY

Each community that we embrace will have its own unique challenges and ministry plan to reach the people in those communities. Our campus model remains the same, in that we want to bring the cultural DNA of Central (gospel preaching, multigenerational gatherings in large and small groups, ministry equipping, missional mindedness, etc.), and centralized strong, godly leadership to each new campus, but we expect the ministry in each location will look significantly different from one another.

In order to effect a Central DNA infusion in Harrison, we would invite the HGC congregation to join the Central family at our Agassiz Campus for a season. From there, we would look at gathering a core group of congregants to begin the Central Harrison Campus when plans are in place. The leadership structure of this campus would potentially include two pastors with a three-point charge – to have two pastors oversee the day-to-day on the ground leadership, community events and outreach, and ministries of the three campuses north of the Fraser River: Agassiz, Lake Errock and Harrison.

We expect that Harrison would be a campus of Central under the leadership of Central’s Elders for the foreseeable future. It should be noted that the rationale for keeping it as a campus is that we believe this model better equips a smaller church to thrive. The resources of the large church, particularly in the areas of leadership, are available to assist the smaller church as needed. Examples include the wealth of expertise that can be accessed through Central’s teaching and ministry teams, and the stability of our leadership.

In order to realize a fifth campus, we would see the need for a number of new staffing roles, such as a full-time executive pastor, an associate pastor, more children’s ministry staff, a facilities manager, worship leaders, and some extra administrative support. Central’s Stewardship Advisory Team examined the pertinent financial information and discussed the financial implications of taking on Harrison and hiring the needed staff; they were able to make a recommendation to the Elders that noted their conviction that it could be a financially sustainable endeavor.

## PARTICIPATION

This is another potential venture that would require both the prompting of the Spirit and the support of Central’s congregations. It is the conviction of the Elders that God is providing another missional opportunity for Central, through HGC’s humble request to come under Central’s leadership. While this is our conviction, we desire to test this prompting with you – the Central family. In order for a fifth campus to be possible, and for us to be a gospel presence in Harrison, we would need to work together – to be unified by our shared vision, to be willing to be stretched and used by God, to give of our time and service, and to commit to praying for God’s clear guidance and then for the strength to follow Him wherever He leads us.

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the  
Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all  
that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you  
always, to the end of the age.”*

Matthew 28:19-20

