

BECOMING PLANTED



WELCOME TO
LIFECENTRE



Planted

Planted is designed to help you connect and follow Jesus at Lifecentre. In the next thirty minutes, our heart is for you to learn, discover, and prayerfully discern whether or not to plant yourself at Lifecentre.

Here is what we mean:

1. _____ about Lifecentre.
2. _____ your Spirit-empowered gift for the common good of others.
3. _____ yourself in a church of imperfect people committed to growing together with Jesus to make a difference in our city. Our prayer for you during these next thirty minutes.

May you see Jesus for who He is.

May you see yourself as He sees you.

May you see others as He sees them.

May you see Lifecentre as a home in which you can be planted.



For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.

Ephesians 1:15-18





Today, we have planted, launched, and revitalized as many churches as people were dreaming about what Lifecentre could be in 1981. Together, we are still dreaming about making a Jesus-sized difference in each life, what it could look like to connect more people during the week, as on Sundays, and what Lifecentre could look like downtown or in unique environments.

Our story is a little different from other churches. In 2007, when my father and I transitioned to senior leadership, we told our church, “You don’t have to choose which of us you like more; you get us both.” In the history of our church, we will only ever have one set of Founding Pastors. As a church, we are privileged to honour Pastors Barry and Joyce as forever ministers at Lifecentre. After all, their love and collective leadership give us the freedom to continue dreaming about our bright future as a church.

When we look to that future, we still believe in that original singular idea: People still need the life only Jesus can give. So, let’s continue growing people with Jesus to make a difference in our city.

Our _____

In 1981, six people planted a church around a singular idea: people need the life only Jesus can give. For Pastors Barry and Joyce, this meant planting a church that would centre on the life of Jesus, or as it would come to be known, Lifecentre. For the past forty years, I have watched them sacrifice, serve, and give the fullness of their hearts so people could experience the love of Jesus, which still never fails.



Our _____

Followers of Jesus who invest their heart, time, family and finances in building a local church deserve confidence in church leadership. People are looking for leaders to conduct themselves with integrity and respect when making decisions that affect their lives. Lifecentre functions in this fashion:

Our Lead and Campus Pastors lead our Pastoral staff team at Lifecentre. Alongside our Administrative Pastor, this team oversees the day-to-day ministry and operations of the church. These pastors serve the congregation and are responsible for the development of the spiritual life of the church. The Founding, Lead, Administrative, and Campus Pastors serve as Directional Leaders (elders) at Lifecentre. They are entrusted with leading why we exist, who we are, and what we are called to do.

The Pastor's Council's primary role is to provide wisdom, advice, and accountability to our Lead Pastors on all matters deemed relevant to the functioning of Lifecentre. With assistance from our Administrative Pastor, the Council guides the development and approval of policy, mission effectiveness and representing the interests of the members of the Lifecentre. Serving Council Members share legal responsibility for Lifecentre from a governance perspective. In this light, the Council fulfills the Government of Canada, specifically Industry Canada and the Canada Revenue Agency's (CRA) Not-For-Profit legislative requirements for an independent Board of Directors accountable for Lifecentre's actions and financial decisions. From this perspective, the Council ensures compliance with federal policies and regulations. They are entrusted with how we do what we have set out to do in a multi-site context.

Like you, our Team Leaders and volunteers can be a mix of staff or volunteer leaders at Lifecentre. They are entrusted with the honour of leading teams and completing tasks. They are entrusted with how we do ministry or what we have set out to do in a specific team or with a specific ministry focus.

To view our ministry last year, please visit our [Annual Report](#), which includes an audited financial statement of accounts.

Lifecentre is affiliated with the [Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada](#).



Our _____

Growing together with Jesus to make a difference in our city.

Lifecentre is all about the heart, and it's our deep desire to grow our hearts continually For Jesus, Lifecentre, and our city. This means that in everything we do, our approach is to help you grow to become more like Jesus, which is called discipleship.

Discipleship starts with finding and following Jesus for the rest of your life. Now, you finding then following Jesus isn't easy. We understand. More importantly, so does God. Being a church Jesus is building is one where we help one another do this together,

Life is one big adventure, and we're here to help you make it a Jesus-sized one!

We must share something we noticed in the past few years to understand our heartbeat.

We noticed a decline in Christlike discipleship in Canada. People might have been busy, even in church, but are they becoming more like Jesus? Activity doesn't equal accomplishment.

Through prayerful discernment, we created clear discipleship pathways for you to explore with others. Each path will help you become more like Jesus, which is essential to making a Jesus-sized difference. Plus, we're all about serving our church and city. No more choosing between the two! So, let's do this! It's your life, and we're here to help you grow more like Jesus.

We are growing together with Jesus to make a difference in our city. Together, to become more like Jesus, Lifecentre does only three things:

1. Gather
2. Grow
3. Go

Think _____, _____ and _____.



Gatherings

There are three we encourage you to engage wholeheartedly.

1. _____

Every Sunday, we gather, focusing on worship, word, and a way to become more like Jesus. Our churches have different times when they gather on Sunday, but we all value Sunday gatherings.

We also value generations gathering together until the end of high school for age-specific discipleship. These are critical times which are deeply formative.

2. _____

We host two conferences yearly: one for women, Heart, and the other for men, Strong. We believe in gender equality and difference. There is something unique about men and women. We invest in this uniqueness each year with a focused conference for men and women.

3. _____

Making disciples is one thing, and we have found creating focused age-specific ministry until Grade Twelve to be tremendously important. We believe the next generation is not the future church but the church today. We invest in them differently for a season of their following Jesus.



Now that we've covered gatherings, let's discuss how we grow in groups. We all need to start somewhere.

To connect to Christ and Lifecentre, we help grow in becoming more like Jesus by providing a clear starting path.





Through everyday life, do you desire to grow and become more like Jesus? Let's grow together.

A. _____

This is what you are going through right now. A one-video, one-week investment of your time to discover whether Lifecentre is a church the Holy Spirit has called you to plant yourself in to grow more like Jesus. Once you've completed Planted, you can connect by joining a team

B. _____

Rooted is a ten-week LifeGroup where we will introduce you to the seven rhythms of being a disciple, align ministries through shared language and experiences, and increase your engagement at Lifecentre as we serve our city. Once you complete Rooted, you are welcome, if we're the church for you, to apply to become a member - to join us in our mission to grow together to make a Jesus-sized difference in our city.

C. _____

Lifecentre cares. We want to serve our church and our city family well. There are many opportunities to serve both on Sundays and throughout the week. We're a family; life works best when we all pitch in. Discover the ways you can care for others. Serving is equally us following Jesus.

To serve like Jesus, you must discover your spiritual gift, something the Holy Spirit has given you, which, when you serve, makes a Jesus-sized difference.

If you have given your life to Christ, you can discover your spiritual gift today. Visit lifecentre.org/spiritual-gifts to take your free assessment.

So, we disciple or help you grow in becoming more like Jesus through gatherings, and we have a short starting path to get you connected at Lifecentre.

Our starting path is only eleven weeks. A great start, but what about the rest of our lives?

This is our
_____.

Think lifelong relationships.





As you may have guessed, what makes our community path is others, a commitment to walk alongside others just like and different from you. You need them, and sometimes, we need you. In community, we grow in loving one another more like Jesus.

In our gatherings, we worship alongside others. But in our groups, we walk alongside others. So, how can you walk alongside others as you follow Jesus? We have three options in our community path - which is lifelong discipleship.

A. _____

Heartstrong is us walking together through the whole of the Bible. It is designed to Biblically train, grow and develop you through monthly training plans, daily online Bible studies, and monthly teaching content with accountability and community.



B. _____

As followers of Jesus, we want to live as Jesus lived by investing in relationships.

We believe God created us to live in relationships with others. Living in a community is part of our design, but meaningful relationships aren't always easy to find. That's why LifeGroups exist - to make these life-changing relationships accessible to you.

We have various groups for Couples, Men, Women, Adults and Students. Also, life flows in seasons, and we want to make it easy for you to be the right Group. Each season, each of our churches lists Groups of interest you may wish to join, but LifeGroups are more than simply joining - you can also lead a group.

Everyone has areas of strength and gifting that can benefit others, and leading a LifeGroup is a great way to make meaningful connections while using your experiences to encourage and strengthen others.

The first step toward becoming a LifeGroup Leader is to complete our Starting Path and become a Member of Lifecentre, so keep doing what you're doing. Finally, sometimes life is hard, and we need care. This doesn't make you weak; it makes you human. Not only are we here, but you can also care for others.



C. _____

Each of our churches, led by one of the Pastoral teams, has teams you can join to learn to pray for, serve by making a meal, pray for freedom, or walk alongside someone having a hard time.

When it comes to care, at Lifecentre, we provide care one-on-one and through freedom ministry opportunities.

When it comes to prayer, you can receive prayer, or once we get to know you a little, join our prayer team, which prays for anyone after each service. This is a tremendous honour and opportunity to exercise the various spiritual gifts God has placed in you at Lifecentre, where we can experience His presence.

Each of our churches also has times of prayer where we pray together - this is called Lifecentre prayer.

Ok, we disciple or help you _____ in becoming more like Jesus through

_____, _____ beginning with

_____ and _____ paths.

Still, there is one more unique aspect of Lifecentre: that is our

_____ path.



Path

Do you wish to be better equipped as a minister? Perhaps chase a calling to ministry? We also have a ministry path. Think trade school meets college - and that is this path.

We believe the Bible is for everyone. Someone who consistently follows Jesus has a life marked by three distinctions: a way in which they follow and minister to others. a) A personal hunger to be led more by Jesus. b) An evident passion for leading more like Jesus. c) An outward focus that leads more to Jesus.

Some of you might become vocational ministers. Others may keep your career, as it funds your deepest calling to minister to others.

Year one is called _____. Each student will study the Bible through six courses to establish a firm foundation of Biblical understanding.

Year two is called _____. Each student builds upon their Biblical foundations through a more in-depth study of the Scripture's essential doctrines (beliefs).

Year three is called _____. Each student builds upon their Biblical foundations and doctrinal understanding by becoming an influential minister who follows Jesus and sees it as their core mission to help others follow Jesus.

To recap, at Lifecentre, we are growing together to live Jesus-sized, difference-making lives through

_____ and _____ with groups of people walking alongside one another.

However, this leaves us with another important thing: _____ or _____





A. _____

As mentioned, we want to serve our church and city well. There are many opportunities to serve on Sundays and during the week at Lifecentre.

Discover how you can care for others. All it takes is for you to "Say, Yes!"

B. _____

As followers of Jesus, we believe loving our neighbour is central to seeing on earth as it is in heaven. As a result, we are called to engage faithfully and wholeheartedly within specific areas of brokenness and injustice locally and globally. We demonstrate God's love in tangible ways with His presence and provision. For every dollar we receive, we give the first ten cents of it away.

To this end, we endeavour to see wrong things made right. We pursue partnership as we reconcile with, learn from, serve, advocate, support, and dream alongside our neighbours. Also, in 2023/24, Lifecentre Care was created – a non-profit organization of equal parts food bank and solutions centre.

Wherever we plant a church, we establish Lifecentre Care to serve their city, even a specific neighbourhood.

Lifecentre has three serving focuses: Community Development, Vulnerable People, and Global Witness.

Our _____

We _____ when we serve others.

Lifecentre cares.

We want to serve our church and our city family well. Not one or the other, but both and. Now, there are many opportunities to serve on Sundays and throughout the week. We're a family; life works best when we all pitch in. Serving is equally us following Jesus; his example for us was to get low and wash others' feet.



Thank You!

Thank you for spending time with us. We sure pray that Lifecentre is a church where you will become rooted. It has been our aim for you to learn, discover, and plant.

1. _____ about Lifecentre.
2. _____ your Spirit-empowered gift for our common good.
3. _____ yourself in our church of imperfect people committed to growing together with Jesus to make a difference in our city.

If you desire to plant at Lifecentre, your next step is Rooted, and we can't wait to tell you about it in person at each of our churches. Also, now is your time to ask us any questions about Lifecentre so we can get to know you better. We also can't wait to learn and discover a little more about you.



