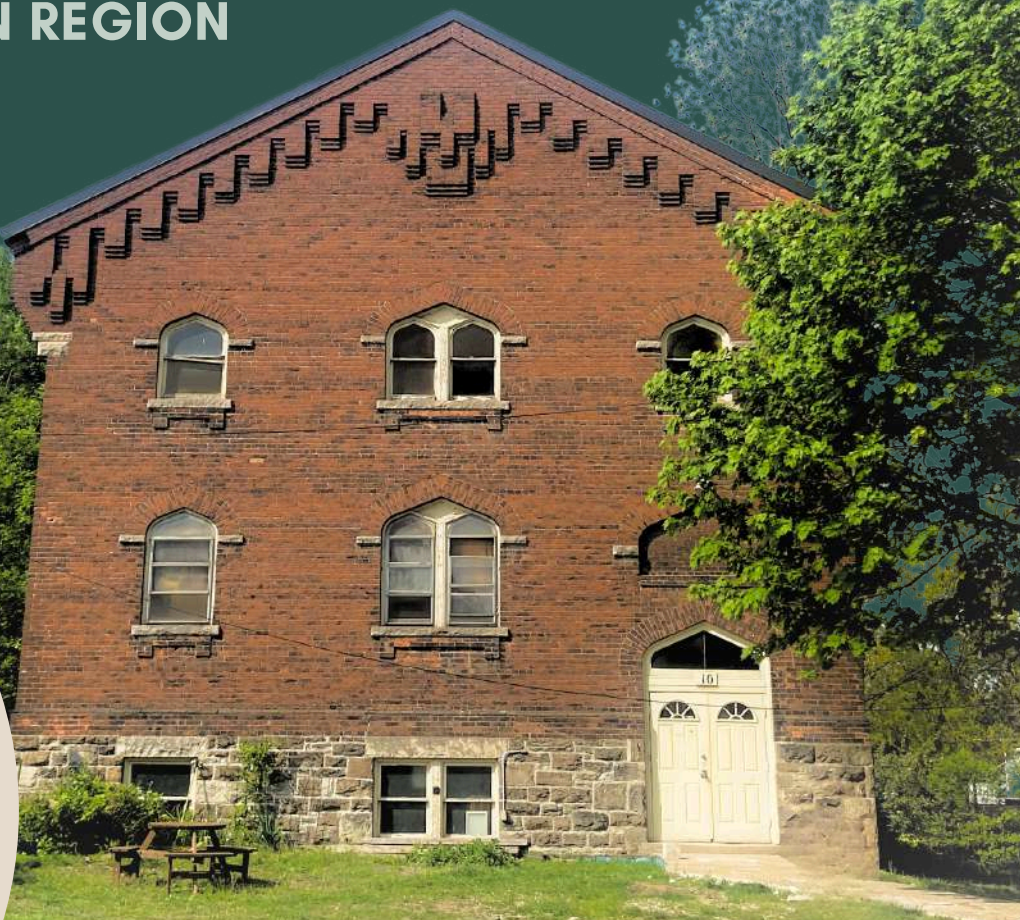


Building Project Proposal

A MISSIONAL CENTER FOR THE HAMILTON REGION



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A FUNDING PROPOSAL FOR THE COMPLETION OF A REGIONAL MISSION CENTRE IN HAMILTON



Greetings!

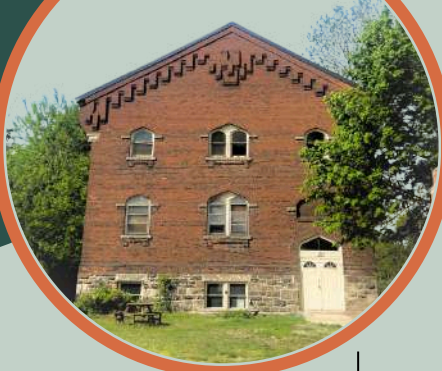
We are excited to present you with the opportunity to partner with us financially and help us raise the remaining funds for the completion of a missional centre in the Strathcona neighbourhood of Hamilton. We are a community of faith, built on God's word, that believes that the body of Christ, in partnership with God can actually see transformation in our city! We exist to see believers equipped and mobilized, to serve the needs of our communities, and to see the gospel of God's kingdom catalyzing change in every sphere of society.

Since the first cornerstone for these buildings was laid in 1890 by St George's congregation, this land has been set apart for "a holy purpose". In 1996, when we acquired this property, we committed to carrying this legacy forward. Today it is a thriving centre for discipleship and mission to the community. Weekly courses are offered to equip and empower believers to step out in their faith. Free groceries are distributed to hundreds of people from low-income households. Christians from dozens of churches and diverse traditions gather weekly to pray and worship on Friday evenings. Teams of young adults are connected with local ministries and sent out to serve the city and reach their generation.

In 2021, we embarked on a \$2.3 million restoration and expansion project. These plans include the completion of an industrial-scale kitchen, an auditorium, the installation of a lift to make our buildings handicap-accessible, and much more. To date, we have received over \$900,000 dollars of donations and government grants, and have already completed several smaller projects.

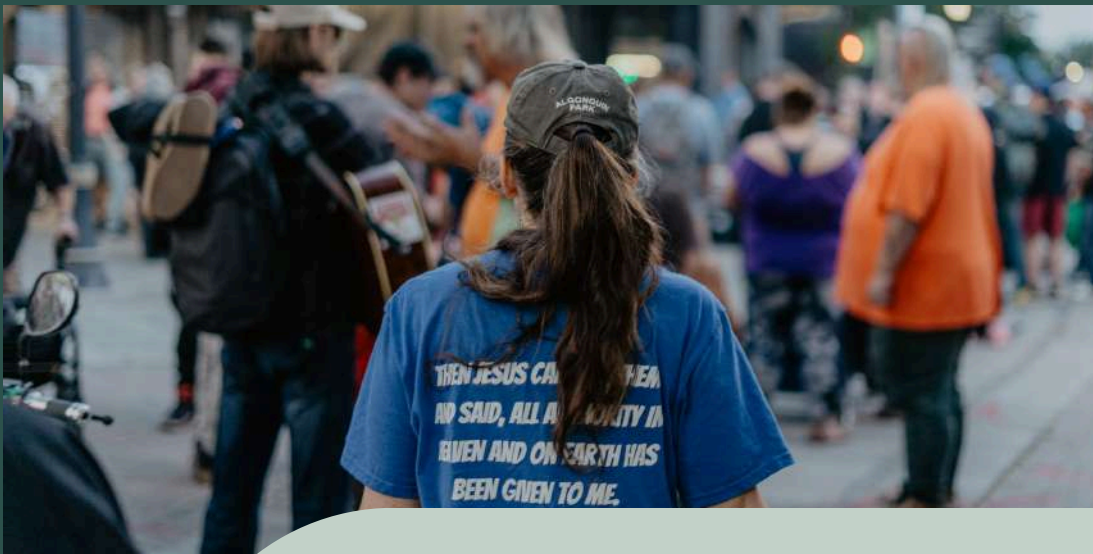
However, in order to begin major renovations this spring, we still need to raise **\$1.4M**. This is where you come in! Your donations will help us complete this missional centre and exponentially increase our ability to see the government of God's Kingdom increase in Hamilton. Partner with us as we do our part to help make reformation and renewal a reality in our city!

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CAN A CITY BE CHANGED?

You don't have to look far to see the immense challenges facing our city and this generation. Here are just a few :

The Next Generation

Gen Z is the loneliest generation on record. Time spent on the internet has become a substitute for connecting with others in person. Isolation, depression and anxiety are increasing at unprecedented rates. They are less likely to believe in God or read the Bible than any other generation before them.

Food Insecurity

In Hamilton, more than one in four households (27.3%) lived with food insecurity in 2023, up from 18.1% in 2022.

Homelessness

According to a 2024 City of Hamilton report, close to 1,900 people are believed to be homeless in Hamilton with an estimated 200 living in visible encampments.

These are not small problems, and they are just a few of the many challenges facing our communities. While some may see immovable mountains, we are called to overflow with hope in all situations by the power of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 15:13).

Is it too much to think that our city could change? Is it possible to believe for systemic transformation in our society? Are we in an irreversible decline or does God have an answer to the crisis in our culture?



THE SOLUTION

We are deeply convinced that the church, empowered by the Spirit, in partnership with God, living the gospel and being the light of Christ to a lost and broken world is the solution to the challenges of our city.

More than a “Church”

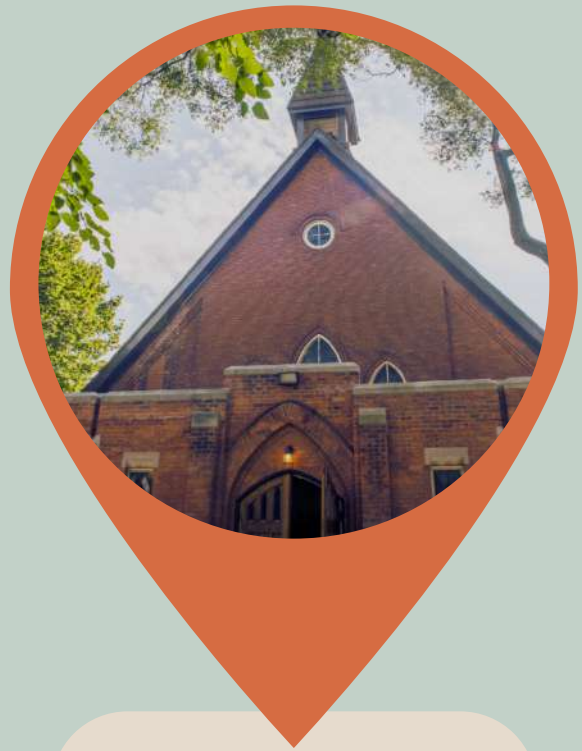
For several years, HCF has been a community on a journey. God has been leading us to dream bigger than simply the Sunday morning model of doing church. As we read Jesus’ exhortation to *“let our light shine before others”* we have been challenged to reimagine what it means to *be* the church, to see God’s kingdom come and His will be done in Hamilton as it is in heaven. We believe that God desires our partnership and that we are called to be active participants in this endeavour! We know that the church is called to be more than a building or a Sunday morning gathering, but what does that mean, and what would it look like?

We invite you to imagine a new kind of community centre, built around a church, to which the lost come to receive sustenance, and from which the saved are sent out on mission. A place where low-income people are fed, where local seniors congregate to find community and purpose, where the next generation are disciplined in the way of Jesus, and the saints are equipped to carry God’s kingdom into every sphere of society.

Imagine a space dedicated to dynamic partnership within the body of Christ, a hub for hosting many ministries and a place for believers from different backgrounds to connect, cross-pollinate and cultivate new initiatives. We are a missional centre for the city, and the mission is already on the move!



THE BUILDINGS



135 STRATHCONA AVE N
Built 1895 as St George's
Anglican Church. Currently
hosts Sunday worship,
community events, food
pop up market & more.



10 TOM ST
Built 1911, as Sunday School
Building for St George's
Congregation. Currently
hosts Friday Night Prayer,
youth events, & more.



THE VISION: A MISSIONAL CENTRE FOR THE CITY

TOGETHER THESE REFURBISHED BUILDINGS WILL FORM A HUB THAT RESOURCES AND EQUIPS THE NEEDS OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD AND THE CITY, INCLUDING THESE AREAS:



Worship Centre

Interdenominational gatherings for prayer and worship



Dynamic Partnerships

Connecting people and ministries to better serve the city



Food Distribution

Resourcing those with food insecurity



Elder Care

Community assistance programs for elderly



Equipping Centre

Christian Training and equipping for all ages



Next-Gen Discipleship

Youth and Young adults events & ministries

CARRYING A HISTORIC LEGACY FORWARD

10 Tom St & 135 Strathcona Ave N. have served this community for generations. Help us bring them up to modern standards to carry on this legacy.

PROJECT TIMELINE



New Roof, & Architect Drawings

Painting, Sewer System & Windows

Elevator, Commercial Kitchen & Gym

Facility Updates Needed & Cost

- > Accessible Entrances and Lift \$250 K
- > Washrooms & Showers \$250 K
- > Multipurpose Gym / Auditorium \$500 K
- > Commercial Kitchen \$330 K
- > Landscaping / Tunnel \$30 K
- > Audio/Visual system \$30 K



\$910,000 raised
(incl.) \$100,000 government grant
For Wheelchair Accessible Lift



\$1,390,000 needed
Projected Completion:
Fall 2025



THE PROJECT

10 Tom St Building

- A new entrance, staircase, and lift makes the building wheelchair accessible. (1)
- New washroom facilities on the main and basement levels (2) with showers on the lower level
- Restoration of the former gymnasium, into a multipurpose auditorium, gym and cafeteria room. (3)

135 Strathcona Ave N Building:

- New industrial Kitchen that will service both buildings (4)
- Waterproofing of the tunnel that goes to the Church building.





FOOD CARE MINISTRIES



We serve the Strathcona neighbourhood, the downtown population, McMaster students and supply a growing number of other ministries and organizations in their outreaches.

In our bi-weekly pop up market and weekly downtown outreaches we have been building relationship with the people we serve, doing our best to eliminate an atmosphere of shame and joining together with the people as friends.



250

people served each week through pop up market and downtown outreaches



90,000

pounds of food rescued working with Second Harvest in the last year



40

locations our volunteer drivers pick up food from every week



\$400,000

estimated value of rescued food, and counting

As a partner of Second Harvest, We receive donations from these partners:

FORTINOS



STARBUCKS

SHOPPERS DRUG MART



COSTCO WHOLESALE



ELDER CARE

Meeting the Needs of the Elderly in Our Community

The Strathcona & Dundurn neighbourhood has a high population of seniors, particularly those in a low income bracket. Many seniors visit our bi-weekly food pop-ups, and we are able to support them with our Food Care ministry. However, many seniors suffer from poor nutrition from an inability to cook for themselves.

The City of Hamilton has designated us as their preferred partner to support the needs of the people in the low income housing complex in our neighbourhood. Once our community kitchen is established, the city has requested that we consider preparing meals for those who aren't able to cook for themselves in our community.

McMaster's Embolden study also identified HCF as an ideal space for a teaching kitchen to help seniors cook healthy meals.



Demographics of the Elderly in the Strathcona & Dundurn Area

47%

Of the population of Strathcon & Dundurn are age 55+

27%

Are in those over 65 are in the lowest income bracket

Your Impact:

A Commercial Kitchen, Serving the Community

Our new commerical kitchen will enable us to further serve elders in our community by cooking and delivering meals, as well as provide cooking & nutrition training.





FRIDAY NIGHT PRAYER



Drawing the City Wide Church together in Prayer & Worship

Since November 2023 we have hosted a growing ministry in Hamilton called Friday Night Prayer that started as a grassroots prayer meeting in 2020. This gathering draws hundreds of people from across the body of Christ in Hamilton and beyond, every Friday evening for 2 hours of worship and prayer. They also bring in worship teams from around the region to collaborate for extended times of prayer and worship.

This ministry uses 10 Tom St weekly, filling the building with worship and spontaneous prayer. This is an event that blesses all ages and many different churches, bringing the Body of Christ together around the presence of Jesus. It particularly draws many young adults and students from the area.



Your Impact: This gathering is already “busting at the seams” and the less than adequate washroom facilities are a challenge. Renovations would mean accessibility to the building for those with disabilities, improved washroom facilities, and a better A/V system to enhance worship.





REACHING THE NEXT GENERATION

10 Tom St was originally built as a youth building in 1911, and we believe that it is God's continued desire to see the space used to raise up the next generation to know Him and make Him known.

GEN - Z EVENTS

A gathering led by YWAM & Friday Night Prayer in Spring '24 hosted 200 young adults in 10 Tom St worshipping God and getting equipped to live out their faith. We had to cap the event due to the building's capacity. This is the first of many gatherings as we see so much hunger for the presence of God in this next generation.

YOUTH WITH A MISSION

We have a new partnership with a budding "YWAM" missions base that seeks to establish a presence in Hamilton. This ministry seeks a training centre and location for it's ministry to the city of Hamilton, and beyond. HCF hosted an outreach team from YWAM Kona in Spring '24 with 10 students, who served in many local ministries. They saw huge impact at a local highschool with many salvations.

Your Impact:

This building being fully renovated will help us host this generation for more training, outreach teams and events in the future. A Kitchen, cafeteria, auditorium and A/V system will allow us to run extensive training programs for youth and young adults.



"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

— Matthew 5:14-16



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