

Smythe Street Church's Mission & Vision

Our mission at Smythe Street Church is 'Inspiring People to Follow Jesus'. This expresses our posture towards the world and what we believe the gospel offers to our community. It is our desire not to condemn the world (John 3:17) but to invite everyone to experience the joy and life-transforming power that the good news of Jesus offers.

Different churches are called to express the gospel in different ways. In our 2020 Annual Meeting, we articulated SSC's vision. Using the metaphor of a map, we identified and named 8 MOUNTAINS we need to climb.



(1) 'THE ROAD HOME' – Working with our city to eliminate unnecessary homelessness.

We have 3 strategic partnerships in combating homelessness.

- **SUN Committee** - works collaboratively to support the successful transition and sustainable tenancy of people who have been in and out of homelessness and have been assigned an affordable housing unit.
- **SUN lite** – This is a newer project that our church is involved with. We train teams of 6 people from our church to assist individuals transitioning out of homelessness over the course of 12 months. We have trained multiple teams and are now training people from other churches as well.
- **Fredericton Housing First Capital Build** – We have been given real estate on Jaffrey Street and have been entrusted as owners and managers of a new 4-unit microhome building on this site that will be home to 4 Housing First clients later in 2022.



(2) 'WATER IS LIFE' - Alleviating Poverty in Haiti

Our church has spearheaded the FreddyLink initiative which works with World Vision to combat poverty in Haiti through projects and child sponsorship. We are now working with our second community after successfully assisting one to become self-sufficient.

We committed to raising \$100,000 over 4 years for water projects in our new community, as water is essential for community development and health. As of February 2022, we have raised over \$80,000 towards this goal.



(3) NEXTGEN MINISTRY – We moved to a new model of leadership integrating all younger stages of growth from Babies to Graduation in partnership with the family. This involves unifying leadership with a common purpose, vision, and sense of team across age groups.



(4) CLEAR DISCIPLESHIP PATH – Jesus clearly tells his followers to make disciples. Our goal as a church is to clearly identify a path that people can take to grow in their faith. This involves articulating next steps and developing new resources and opportunities for engagement.

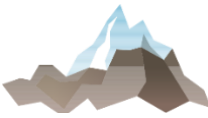


(5) FIRST IMPRESSIONS – We have worked to redo our online presence with a new website and continued development of our social media platforms. When COVID19 hit we pivoted to develop an Online Video. We want to develop a Welcome Centre in our building and a First Impression Team to support people who come to us for the first time.



(6) FACILITY UPGRADES – Our building is a tool and needs to be prepared for the future. While there is still work to be done, we have made many upgrades since 2019 to the following:

- Kitchen (Stove, lights, floor, walls, bigger door, fridge)
- Meeting Lounge off the Kitchen (flooring, paint, lights)
- Upstairs Bathrooms
- Upstairs Hall (LED lights) and Removed Pillars
- Big Sunday School Room (carpet, flooring, paint, lighting, doors)
- 2 Preschool Rooms (flooring, lighting, paint)
- Back Foyer (carpeting, painting, lights)



(7) EMPOWERING LEADERS – We multiply our impact as a church when we empower leaders with their God-given passions. In recent years, we have worked at developing leaders, ordained new ministers and added 4 Elders. Our desire is to actively train leaders and find ways to mentor and release people to lead with their gifts.



(8) KINGDOM CENTERED – This is not a task to be completed, but a mindset shift. We are not here to compete with other churches, to be the best church in town, or to be a bigger church. We are dedicated to one purpose and one purpose alone: to build Christ's kingdom.