

DREAM TEAM PROPOSAL

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Biblical Foundations: Micah 6:8, "He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Luke 4: 16-21, *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."*

Dream Team "Job Description": These are the visionaries and idea people. This team will begin to crystalize any ideas and shape strategic initiatives to articulate the urgency and begin to put steps in place to address it. This team will meet with representatives in the community, whether they are members of the church or not (city council members, police, school representatives, etc.) This is the group that will uncover data, statistics, and opportunities to help direct our potential plan.

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PART I. CCPC becoming a Matthew 25 Congregation

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/>)

- "Matthew 25:31–46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive, and we wake up to new possibilities. Convicted by this passage, both the 222nd and 223rd General Assemblies (2016 and 2018) exhorted the PC(USA) to act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or poor. By accepting the Matthew 25 invitation, we partner with the PCUSA in helping our denomination become a more relevant presence in the world."
- Requires the submission of formal application to become a Matthew 25 Congregation, embracing each of the three guiding principles below
 - ***Building congregational vitality*** by challenging people and congregations to deepen their faith and get actively and joyfully engaged with their community and the world.
 - ***Dismantling structural racism*** by advocating and acting to break down the systems, practices and thinking that underlie discrimination, bias, prejudice, and oppression of people of color.
 - ***Eradicating systemic poverty*** by working to change laws, policies, plans and structures in our society that perpetuate economic exploitation of people who are poor.
- As a Matthew 25 congregation CCPC would commit to share our journey, **there are no prescriptive requirements.**

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- Declaring ourselves a Matthew 25 congregation serves multiple purposes:
 - o Serves as a tool to evaluate our progress and plans on at least an annual basis.
 - o Currently nine Grace Presbytery congregations are on the map with additional ones to come (e.g., Trinity Presbyterian - McKinney among others). By joining CCPC shows leadership and alignment with a broad PCUSA initiative.
 - o We recognize that phrases such as “dismantling structural racism” and “eradicating systemic poverty” seem like ventures far beyond the scope of what CCPC seeks to accomplish. We also recognize that certain words and phrases can be sources of anxiety for some and confusing for others. Becoming a Matthew 25 congregation does not bind us to a contract or to language, instead, it helps to keep us accountable to the values of inclusion and diversity in all our ministries.

RATIONALE: PROVIDES THEOLOGICAL GROUNDING TO OUR WORK AND CEMENTS OUR UNDERSTANDING OF BEING A CONNECTIONAL CHURCH

PART II. PARTNERSHIP WITH TLC (TRUE LOVE CHRISTIAN CENTER)

Creating a long-term ministry partnership with True Love Christian Center (TLC) church. TLC is a local multi-racial congregation that addresses underserved demographics: young, unchurched, low income, and those facing obstacles (aged out of foster care, formerly incarcerated, former drug dependence, LGBTQ, etc). About 50 members and currently meeting in a 2,000 sq feet of rented space. They have baptized about 200 people over the last several years. The seeds were planted long ago as many CCPC members have longstanding relationships with Pastors Tony and Zella Tyson. The following possible focus areas are selected, but not limited to, meeting mutual needs while leveraging each other’s talents and passions, while providing a stable ongoing cooperation to build those relationships:

- o Men’s Ministry (Joint Bible study, fellowship, projects)
- o Marriage Ministry (marriage building, retreats, occasionally counseling)
- o STIR Collaboration (attend, share preaching/leadership, share music, and dinner together)
- o Fellowship – Generally sharing each other’s calendars and selectively promoting specific events for partnership
- o Mission – Serving together. We would start “small” with visits to places like Buckner Shoes and then consider expansion to local, regional, national, and international mission opportunities.

Future opportunities are likely to include joint choirs, concerts, and shared participation in various worship opportunities - not as tourists, but as partners. For example, CCPC may offer teaching assistance with Sunday School and Children’s teachings at TLC, TLC leadership may assist in various opportunities in the life of CCPC.

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***There was significant conversation about TLC relocating their ministry to CCPC but there were some significant challenges relative to space and a few other issues. We would like to leave the door open for future consideration because there is potential there.**

RATIONALE: WE FEEL THAT ISSUES OF DIVERSITY, RACIAL DIFFERENCES, AND MULTICULTURALISM ARE BEST UNDERSTOOD AND ADDRESSED IN RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHERS NOT IN A BOOK OR CLASS OR DEFINED BY A PARTICULAR WORD OR PHRASE.

PART III. CCPC HOSTS SATELITTE CAMPUS FOR COLLIN COUNTY MEALS ON WHEELS (MOW)

- CCPC would serve as a site for regional program expansion in Collin County impacting seniors at risk of hunger and isolation. Demand for MOW's services has grown and this partnership would allow them to quickly enhance their service in Southern Collin County.
- CCPC would provide:
 - o Congregate Site Manager office space with desk and phone
 - o Part-Time Client and Volunteer Services office space with phone
 - o Supply closet, emergency kitchen space with refrigerator, and designated protected area such as underneath the North entrance awning.
 - o As a satellite, meal would arrive from MOW central kitchen.
- Other considerations: Access for vetted volunteers and meal delivery staff to pick up meals and return thermal bags to same location 11am -2pm daily; designated volunteer and/or staff to monitor this process, creation of a recruitment center for social worker and volunteer outreach; and access to TV monitor conference area for weekly virtual training. Additionally, a space for senior groups of 12-20 from 11am – 1pm for meals and a daily activity (led by staff or volunteers).
- CCMOW Capital Campaign Plan: MOWCC is preparing to launch a 3-year capitol campaign to purchase land for a new 25,000 square foot building in Collin County. The organization continues to increase in meal growth to 365,000 annually. To facilitate this campaign, CCPC would also provide office space for a Campaign Director, Administrator, and a designated conference space with TV monitor for PowerPoints.

RATIONALE: FOOD INSECURITY AND ISOLATION, PARTICULARLY WITH OUR DISABLED AND SENIOR NEIGHBORS, ARE SIGNIFCANT ISSUES IN OUR SURROUNDING COMMUNITY. THIS PARTNERSHIP HELPS US ADDRESS THESE ISSUES.

PART IV. CCPC ONSITE LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING SERVICES CCPC would return once more to offering access to an LPC. CCPC would provide office space for the counselors that is readily accessible but affords some privacy for clients. The office hours would

be set by the counselors that use this space, but at a minimum would include some evening hours to provide access when other activities and resources (childcare, transportation, ...) were available. Access to a Registered Play Therapist is seen as a pivotal element to be able to serve the unique needs of children under twelve years of age. The services would be offered as a resource to others and would be paid for by clients, with provisions made for pro-bono and/or reduced rate services to ensure inclusion.

RATIONALE: ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTHCARE AND RESOURCES ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO ALL PEOPLE DUE A VARIETY OF FACTORS SUCH AS SOCIOECONOMICS AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHALLENGES.

PART V. CCPC CONNECTS: A COMMUNITY SERVICE NETWORK

- **CONNECT #ART:** CCPC launches a community center for the arts, including but not limited to, music, visual, theater, and movement. The arts are a fantastic way to reach out and build community and provides a safe environment for building relationships. The center would leverage CCPC members and staff to some degree, but more importantly would also be a way for outside groups to share their expertise and enthusiasm. The center would address all ages: after school, evening, and summer activities/events would be included. We feel that this addresses a very specific need in at-risk communities as well as other communities due to the steady decline of funding to schools in the areas of the arts. All human beings speak the language of the arts.
- **CONNECT #PREP CCPC** serves as a resource center for CCPC-selected offerings that are either uniquely suited to CCPC or to leverage new and existing partnerships to serve the community. The resources would be classes (parenting, budgeting, ...) and services (tax help, legal aid, transportation, ...). The specific offerings evolve over time as talents/skills are focused to meet community needs. The resource offerings would be advertised to area schools and community partners and would include current offerings such as AA, NAMI, Boy Scouts, Alzheimer's support groups, etc.
- **CONNECT #AWARE:** CCPC to serve as hub for community conversations, and fellowship opportunities for the larger community. CCPC would work with local agencies such as police departments, churches, schools, and colleges/universities to create subject matter and provide content and speakers. Potential topics would include diversity, equity, & inclusion and cultural awareness workshops.
- **CONNECT #GO!** CCPC to create and provide age-appropriate, urban, suburban and rural service-based mission experiences, and vocational/internship opportunities for groups and organizations. The goal of this program is to inspire groups and serve others, as they meet Jesus Christ face-to-face in the world. Groups can choose from a variety of opportunities to fit their needs, while serving the larger community. Mission

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experiences can be customized based on the needs and goals of each group. Facilities would need to be adjusted to allow for overnight groups.

RATIONALE: THE CONNECT NETWORK UNDERGIRDS OUR OVERALL EFFORT BY CALLING ON THE GIFTS THAT CCPC HAS AND EXPERIENCES THAT HAVE SHAPED THIS CHURCH. CONNECT IS THE EVOLUTION OF WHO CCPC HAS ALWAYS BEEN.