

NEXT GENERATION DISCIPLESHIP CENTRE

Serving every campus



LIFT CHURCH

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Physical presence is powerful.

Now, more than ever, we have come to appreciate how important it is to be together. It's notable that Jesus chose to save us by being present with us! ***"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." (1 Timothy 5:1-15)*** His saving work in us started with his presence among us.

Since the book of Acts, the Gospel has always been carried house-to-house and city-centre to city-centre through the lives of passionate disciples who were powerfully present in their world. So too with LIFT Church; our work to bring the hope of Jesus to university and college campuses begins with our presence.

In September 2021, more than 5000 students from campuses all over gathered for an illegal street party just around the corner from our offices. Unable to be present together for more than 2 years, students celebrated by getting drunk and throwing what was the wildest party we can remember in our 15 years of serving campuses.

We were present in the middle of the party; handing out water and getting to know people, hearing their stories, and reminding them that they were made for more. As tens of thousands of students returned to our campuses we were already present to receive them and to get to know them, to love them but more than anything, to tell them about Jesus.

The vision of people made fully alive in the hope of Jesus on every campus is a statement about the power of the presence of Jesus' church in our world. Because every campus is made up of people that are precious, valuable and need the opportunity to know Jesus. ***The only way they will know about Jesus is if someone goes to be in their world.***

Over the last year, our resolve to be present has grown. We have resolved to be present on our existing 6 campuses as well as a new campus at the University of Toronto Mississauga, with leaders actively being raised and preparing to be sent to be present on new campuses such as the ***downtown campus of the University of Toronto.***

Presence requires three essential ingredients: place, people and provision. ***We have the place: campuses all over.*** We are discipling the people. We invite you to join us with the provision. Help us be present in the lives of students to raise a new generation of disciples who will make disciples for the name of Jesus.

Together we will see campuses and cities transformed.

In Christ,

Robin and Laura Wallar
Lead Pastors, LIFT Church

LIFT Church exists to see students made fully alive in the hope of Jesus by being the church on university and college campuses.

Founded in 2006 at McMaster University, we are now present on 7 university and college campuses and counting.



Through intentional discipleship groups, called Simple Churches, we empower students to engage the campus and invite those around them into a Gospel community.

As we emphasize discipleship and evangelism, we invite everyone to live as disciple-making disciples who boldly and humbly serve and evangelize the campus.

There is a tremendous opportunity for the truth to be proclaimed on post-secondary campuses now more than ever, as the world drastically moves away from a Gospel-centered worldview. We believe through intentional discipleship and evangelism on campus; students will come to know Jesus for the first time and be sent on mission to other campuses around the world.

Our vision is to nurture a multiplying discipleship movement that will see 200 Simple Churches on at least 19 campuses by 2026.



Since January 2022, 7 people have committed their lives to Jesus by getting baptized

THE NEXT GENERATION DISCIPLESHIP CENTRE

will equip future generations of disciples to share the Gospel in an evolving academic world.

LIFT Church began as a single campus and has grown into a discipleship movement spanning seven campuses. As we continue sending people to new campuses to share the Gospel, it became apparent that we require space to see our vision become a reality.

LIFT Church is committed to being physically present in the student neighbourhoods around our campuses. Through a miracle of provision and support, we have purchased a building to serve as the Next Generation Discipleship Centre within walking distance of McMaster University, one of the most influential campuses in Canada and the first LIFT Church campus.

We have purchased the property at 42 Royal Ave. with more than \$1.75 Million in funding from our incredible partners. We are prayerfully seeking funding for the redevelopment phase to see the building become a beacon of hope for students and a means to mobilize a generation.

The **Next Generation Discipleship Centre** has five primary uses:

1. Build community with students
2. Train the next generation of missionaries
3. Address food insecurity of the inner city and train students in the heart of serving
4. Proclaim the Gospel on campuses everywhere
5. Support a movement of disciples



Build Community with Students

With the discipleship centre 600m from McMaster University, there is a huge opportunity to have an “open doors” space where any student can come study, where international students can receive support as they settle into Canadian life and where students can get to know those serving in their neighbourhood.

Students and leaders will have access to a multi-use activity space as well as multiple meeting rooms to use throughout the week addressing the ongoing challenge of access to space on a reliable basis!

Imagine a space for students to call home and for them to experience the love of their church family.

Gather 100 students together to integrate the neighbourhoods in a church family



Imagine a space for friendship, community, food, family, scripture study, worship and prayer - the core ingredients of a discipleship movement!

Train the Next Generation of Missionaries

Each year we accept and train a new cohort of missionaries and church planters through the Living Sent Missionary Academy. The Next Generation Discipleship Centre will house the space for them to receive in-person training in a collaborative environment. These leaders are committed to the long-term mission of LIFT Church and are commissioned to begin, lead, mobilize and multiply new Simple Churches across all campuses.

Imagine a warm and welcoming space available for missionary and church planter training, Simple Church leader training and monthly leadership development.



Train and care for 50 campus missionaries

Address Food Insecurity of the Inner City and Train Students in the Heart of Serving

A new, large kitchen equipped to prepare and serve hundreds of meals in the context of a vibrant church family. More than just preparing meals for the city, we can gather our university communities to eat, socialize and discover a place of belonging. As a **registered Good Food Organization** with Community Food Centres of Canada, we can address food insecurity and invite students to serve those they otherwise would not encounter.

Imagine a space where students learn to serve their city and are empowered to address the needs around them.



Serve 150+ meals a week to people in multiple lower-income Hamilton neighbourhoods

Proclaim the Gospel on Campuses Everywhere

The Gospel is good news and requires that we proclaim it clearly and unashamedly to tell people how good Jesus is.

Each week, we develop written and digital content to equip disciple-makers to tackle challenging topics and walk with their disciples as they learn to live a life surrendered to Jesus.

The Next Generation Discipleship Centre will have the ability to facilitate high-quality hybrid events and training sessions which will be increasingly important as people are sent to campuses farther away.

Imagine the impact of hundreds of people hearing the good news of Jesus as we equip disciples to proclaim the Gospel through training, teaching and preaching from this space.



Equip 52 Simple Church leaders through discipleship resource development

Support a Discipleship Movement

The operations centre will house the team that supports our entire discipleship movement. Collaboration and teamwork are central to our administration, creative, communications, content production, evangelism, and discipleship teams.

With a core operations team of 32 leaders overseeing dispersed teams of an additional 40 people, cross-functional collaboration is essential to maintaining momentum across the movement. The discipleship centre will provide flexible coworking and collaboration space to workshop and design new strategies and tools to deploy to leaders on campuses everywhere.

Imagine hundreds of disciple-makers being resourced, supported, encouraged and mobilized across many campuses through the support work of the operations teams.



Support new campuses launching every year



Artistic Rendering of Building Street View



*Artistic Rendering of the main Gathering Space
people will first enter into.*



Artistic Rendering of Activity Space and Community Kitchen

Financials

The interior redevelopment will consist of upgrading all of the systems to support the core requirements of the building and ensure there is a bright, welcoming, and functional space to invite people into. The exterior improvements will enhance the building's presence in the campus community and draw people inside.

Building Systems - \$405,000

*New electrical system, including service upgrade
New HVAC system with rooftop unit
New plumbing*

Interior Redevelopment - \$770,000

*New washrooms, including a barrier-free washroom
Kitchen outfit
Gathering and multi-use spaces equipped for all the people they will serve
Upgraded interior lighting throughout
New flooring throughout
New paint and cosmetic work throughout*

Exterior Improvements - \$270,000

*Increase building efficiency and provide protective cladding
New windows and doors
New welcoming entrance way and accessible ramp
New cladding on the entire exterior
Concrete Block Repairs*

Construction Management - \$300,000

*Architectural and Engineering Design
Site Supervisor and Project Manager*

TOTAL REDEVELOPMENT COST - \$1,740,000

We believe that many people will come to know Jesus through the discipleship work this building will enable for generations to come!

Would you invest this year to create an environment for sustainable discipleship multiplication?

Give or pledge at liftchurch.ca/discipleshipcentre