



For Families. For Community. For the World Around Us.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere - in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth”.

--Acts 1:8

As a lighthouse church in the region, we're excited to build on our strong 45-year foundation and launch a fresh vision with three vital Pillars we believe God wants us to *focus on and strengthen* over the next 4 years. Join us as we courageously ask God to continue to do amazing things, as we spiritually grow as individuals and as a church - expanding our capacity to have an even greater kingdom impact beyond our walls in the Greater Moncton Area, Atlantic Canada, and the World. Like the early church in Acts, let's not limit what God can do in transforming our world.

Together, let's follow God as He leads us Beyond our Walls.



Pillar #1: For Families

We desire to equip parents to pursue a culture of intentional families, building into our children and students, so that they are raised to honour God with their whole lives for life. Hillside is a tremendous place to help raise a healthy family.

REALITY: Families have complexities. Many marriages are struggling; parents and grandparents feel ill-equipped for their roles. Our programs for children and students wrestle with shifting cultural dynamics, inconsistent attendance due to busyness, volunteer needs, and the challenges of aging learning spaces. These programs must move forward to transform into places where kids and students beg to attend, build lasting friendships, and develop a lifelong faith. What an opportunity we have as an Atlantic Canadian Church to strengthen families so, that those around us will see a difference in our families and be attracted to Jesus Christ.

Objectives:

- We will launch new initiatives to strengthen and resource families so that parents and grandparents can fulfill their God-given purpose of passing on the faith to the next generation. As their MVP (Most Valuable Partner), we will invest in a world-class resource called Home Point, offer practical learning opportunities including an innovative family conference(s), and implement a children's discipleship pathway to provide a proactive approach to build strong families.
- We will process next steps toward developing a plan to improve our current Children's spaces, so that they become fantastic gathering spaces for them.
- We will continue to expand our Sunday KidZone Special Needs' ministry to show our love for all families and to provide parents of those with special needs an opportunity to worship together.
- We will expand Sonshine Kids Academy (SKA) to include pre-school ages, thereby addressing a growing need in our community for quality, faith-based care. As well, this will enable us to steward our building well, and to provide another bridge to our community to meet Jesus.



Pillar #2: For Community

We desire that each person in our church community and beyond connect deeply with God and each other, and live out their full God-given potential to those they interact with each day.

REALITY: We were made for community. Life change happens best by spending time with God and being rooted in a spiritual community. In our culture today, people are increasingly isolated and live at a frenzied pace. Imagine what God could do, if more of us had an intentional time with God each day and connected with at least six meaningful relationships that allow us to call out the best in each other. Experiencing vital community with others is both essential and biblical (Acts 2:42-47) and that's why we, as a church, endeavour to grow both larger and smaller at the same time.

Objectives:

- We will expand our capacity to reach more people for Christ by providing additional service times. We will offer more opportunities for people - whether active believers or those who are exploring their faith - to experience church community.
- We will be intentional about embracing and integrating newcomers to Canada into our Hillside community. Recognizing that Moncton is seeing more and more newcomers to Canada, we want to provide a welcoming and supportive environment in what can sometimes be an uncertain time.
- We will provide new opportunities during peak attendance times to be with each other in social settings and to enjoy our expanded food services. This will meet a need for greater community enabling us to connect with each other more often as a church family.
- We will make it as easy as possible for everyone in our church to get connected into community. We want everyone to feel needed and known – and this means helping them to find a meaningful serve and meaningful connection in a growth group.



Pillar #3: For The World Around Us

We desire to generously extend God's compassion and hope to our city, Atlantic Canada, and the world.

REALITY: Our city and our world are full of people who are in need physically and spiritually. We believe the church is God's Plan A to respond to these needs. Sadly, there are also far too many churches that are struggling and discouraged. With a culture of generosity and a kingdom mindset, we also recognize that the Lord has significantly blessed our church with momentum, training, and resources. Let's break out, serve others, and share God's love.

Objectives:

- We will make an intentional push to further engage outside our building by strengthening our local partnerships (ie our anchor causes). This will be a positive witness showing we are FOR Moncton and the world around us.
- We will strengthen our current global partnerships and prayerfully establish a new global partnership with a like-minded organization that is already "on the ground".
- We will be a greater encouragement to strengthen other churches in our region and we will also start a ministry internship program for students. It's our hope to *send out* many leaders to grow and strengthen other churches throughout Atlantic Canada and beyond.
- We will leverage the ever-expanding influence of technology in more strategic ways to advance the kingdom in our region and beyond.



There are 3 ways you can embrace this exciting journey with us by living out our 3 expectations for Hillsideers:

CELEBRATE: Purposefully engage with God and our church community more consistently by making Sunday worship a greater priority for you and your family

CONNECT: Intentionally deepen your faith, commit to community, and experience the gift of vital community with others

CONTRIBUTE: Generously give, through Hillside, both your time and your financial resources enabling us to invest more hope into the world around us.