

ASSESSMENT SURVEY - MOVING TOWARDS BECOMING A MISSION-EDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD CHURCH

This assessment is designed for church leaders (e.g. Deacons/Elders or a Mission-Edge Leadership team) to give to a cross-section of their congregation (including those considered on the “edge” of the church family) to fill-out. The church leaders can then collect and work through the results, coming up with an action plan for becoming a stronger Mission-Edge Neighbourhood Church (MENC.) Suggestions for action are in the next section.

Rate your church (as of today) on each of the following. Use the Reflection Questions to help you rate each section (e.g. a, b, c...) under each heading. At the end you’ll be guided to add up your totals. Here is an example using question 1, a.

E.g. Using the Reflection Questions, I would rate my church on a. (“We regularly share (time, meals, possessions and resources) together at the family of God) by making a mark on the scale at the number that reflects our current reality. I’ve marked 6 as the number reflecting my church is currently just slightly above average on this as I can name some things we do in answering the questions but there are holes in this and we are not extraordinary at it. I/you don’t need to physically write out answers to the reflection questions, they are just for you to think about as you assign a number on the scale to each section (a, b, c etc.)

EXAMPLE

1. EMBRACING HOSPITALITY

a. We regularly share (time, meals, possessions and resources) together as the family of God. Using the questions below rate your church (as of right now) on this...



NON-EXISTENT/NO IDEA

AVERAGE

EXTRODINARY

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Does our church family share meals, rides, small group time, possessions and parties together?*
- Does our church family share in serving one another? (e.g. providing meals, helping each other connect with new neighbours in our area, helping stack wood, helping with chores, helping with childcare...)*
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b. We regularly practice welcoming the stranger (someone outside our usual circles) as individuals and corporately. Using the questions below rate your church (as of right now) on this...



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- *Are individuals from our church family having strangers (someone outside their usual circle) into their home and extending them hospitality at least once a month?*
- *Do our worship services keep the stranger in mind, seeking to use clear language and practices that explain and invite in the outsider?*



EMBRACING HOSPITALITY *cont.*

c. Our church community is a safe place for anyone to find belonging and explore following Jesus. Using the questions below rate your church (as of right now) on this...



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- *Does our church allow people to belong before they believe?*
- *Where are the places within our church community people currently do belong while they are still exploring Jesus?*
- *Does the life and leadership of our congregation include ethnic, gender and socioeconomic diversity?*
- *Does our congregational family and leadership include generational diversity and intergenerational connectedness?*
- *Does our church reflect the diversity present within our wider community?*

2. EQUIPPING ONE ANOTHER TO SHARE THE GOSPEL IN WORD

a. We regularly equip our church family to know how to naturally and effectively share the Good News today. Using the questions below rate your church (as of right now) on this...



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- *Does our church have a plan to train people in sharing the Good News?*
- *Does our church gather regularly to equip Christians in sharing the Good News?*
- *Is sharing the Good News modelled in our preaching?*
- *What words and phrases does our church use to talk about Jesus, the Gospel and evangelism?*
- *Is this language understandable and connecting with people today? Is it clear that the Gospel is received by grace and is not earned by performance, works or following rules?*

EQUIPPING ONE ANOTHER TO SHARE THE GOSPEL IN WORD *cont.*

b. We are committed to encouraging one another in sharing the Good News with our friends, co-workers, neighbours and those in our networks. Using the questions below rate your church (as of right now) on this...



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- *Does our church encourage and celebrate people sharing the Good News within their networks?*
- *Does our church frame evangelism within the context of authentic relationships?*

3. HELPING ONE ANOTHER SHARE THE GOSPEL IN DEED

a. We can name the areas where corporately as a church we are seeking to be an incarnational presence to our local community. Using the questions below rate your church (as of right now) on this...



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- *Are there areas where our church is corporately seeking to be the incarnational presence of Jesus in our community?*
- *Why has our church chosen those areas?*
- *Who owns the responsibility to bless our local community in those areas? a small group of individuals in the church? leaders? a certain ministry? a large group of people from our church?*
- *Does our church have a plan on how to discern next steps in what it looks like to bless our local community?*
- *Does our church have local partnerships we are investing in as a church family?*

b. We can name the areas where corporately we are seeking to be a blessing to our global community. Using the questions below rate your church (as of right now) on this...



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- *Are there areas where our church is corporately seeking to be a blessing and a partner in our global community?*
- *Why has our church chosen those areas?*
- *Who owns the responsibility to partner with our global community in those areas? a small group of individuals in the church? leaders? a certain ministry? a large group of people from our church?*
- *Does our church have a plan on how to discern next steps in what it looks like to partner with our global community?*

c. We are committed to helping one another as individuals and families to be the incarnational presence of Jesus in our neighbourhoods and networks, locally and globally. Using the questions below rate your church (as of right now) on this...



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- *Does each church member have a name of a person, group of people or location, where they are seeking to be a blessing, for the sake of Christ?*
- *Are there stories arising from individuals and families being a blessing in their neighbourhoods and networks?*

HELPING ONE ANOTHER SHARE THE GOSPEL IN DEED *cont.*

d. We corporately have chosen local events and places where we will seek to be present. Using the questions below rate your church (as of right now) on this...



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

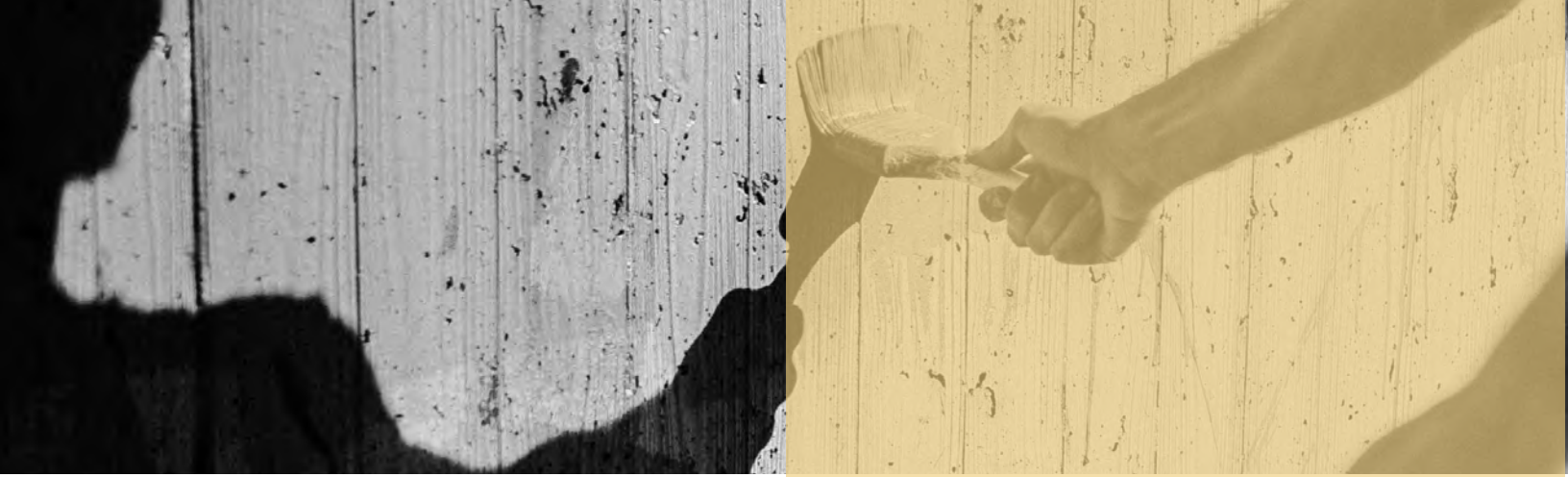
- *Can we name the local events/places where our church seeks to be present?*
- *Is our church seeking to be a blessing at these local events/places?*
- *Do you think these are the right local events/places for our church to be seeking to be a blessing and to build relationships and connections?*

e. We encourage individuals to connect in their local community, living the life of Jesus incarnationally, as they go. Using the questions below rate your church (as of right now) on this...



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- *How many times a week are dedicated congregants expected to be at our church or involved in a church related activity? Does that allow time to connect in the community?*
- *Are congregants already connected in our wider community? Where?*
- *Are congregants living out Jesus in those contexts?*



4. SEEKING TO UNDERSTAND AND PARTNER WITH OUR LOCAL AND GLOBAL COMMUNITY

a. We learn about our neighbours. Using the questions below rate your church (as of right now) on this...

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- *Has our church worked through all of the 12 Neighbourhood Assessment Workbook exercises (<http://cbacyf.ca/naw>)?*
- *Is our church seeking to better understand our neighbours and neighbourhoods?*
- *Can I (and others in our church) name the areas of need and the areas of strength within our wider community?*

b. We, through corporate discernment have a (at least one) local and unique mission that is owned by us, as a church family. Using the questions below rate your church (as of right now) on this...

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- *Can every church member articulate our local, unique mission?*
- *Who in our congregation is most passionate about our local, unique mission? Is the mission owned by and engaging people who attend our church (and not just owned by the church leadership)?*

c. We corporately have discerned a global community or cause where we are seeking to be partners in mission. Using the questions below rate your church (as of right now) on this...

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Is our church corporately seeking to be involved in God's global mission? Where?*
- Is our church corporately seeking to be a part of righting some of the wrongs in our world? Where?*

d. We seek to learn from and join with others who could be effective, healthy partners in our mission. Using the questions below rate your church (as of right now) on this...

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Has our church built strategic partnerships with others churches, community partners or global partners? Where?*
- Is our church seeking to learn from others to help in our mission? From who?*



5. SEEKING TO UNDERSTAND CULTURE

a. We corporately study how the Bible and Jesus intersects and speaks to culture in our day. Using the question below rate your church (as of right now) on this...



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Does our church examine culturally relevant issues from a Biblical and grace-filled perspective? Which issues has our church examined?

b. We seek to understand culture, rather than hide from culture. Using the questions below rate your church (as of right now) on this...



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Is our church staying in touch with culture? If so, how?
- Does our church seem aware of how the culture is shaping our faith?
- Does our church see the opportunities in culture, or does our church feel threatened by the culture?
- Does our church engage culture without bending to culture? What is our church's current posture towards culture?

c. We equip one another to know how to engage culture with Jesus' grace and truth. Using the questions below rate your church (as of right now) on this...



REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What issues/topics would followers of Jesus within our congregation say they feel ready to engage with Jesus' grace and truth?
- What issues/topics would followers of Jesus within our congregation say they feel ill equipped to engage with Jesus' grace and truth?

6. GATHERING IN CHRIST TO GROW AND SCATTERING INTO OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS AROUND THE WORLD

a. *We gather in worship and seek to be transformed by the Spirit, who compels us to share the Gospel in word and deed. Using the questions below rate your church (as of right now) on this...*

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- *How often do regular attenders attend our worship services?*
- *Do people regularly encounter the living God in our worship services?*
- *What evidence do I see that congregants are being transformed by the Gospel?*
- *What evidence do I see that peoples' transformation in Christ is overflowing into their daily lives?*

b. *Our gathering is not the end point, but the centering point, for then scattering back into the world (while incarnating Jesus). Using the questions below rate your church (as of right now) on this...*

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- *What evidence do I see that our gathered ministry is creating people who are passionate and equipped to share the Gospel in word and deed?*
- *Do congregants in our church view themselves as missionaries in the places they live, work, study and play?*
- *Do congregants in our church understand their gifts, role and contribution to the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20)?*

c. *This ongoing process of gathering and scattering leads to growth in our church, both in spiritual depth and in numbers. Using the questions below rate your church (as of right now) on this...*

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- *Do new people come to our services and how many of them make our church home?*
- *Do regular attenders invite people to our church and to our ministries?*
- *Are our regular attenders growing in spiritual depth, evidenced by the character of Christ displayed in their life and how their lives are increasingly lining up with the ways of Jesus? (e.g. generous with their money, thoughtful in their speech, making decisions inviting Christ's perspective, giving up sinful behaviours etc.)*

RESULTS SHEET



WHAT WAS YOUR SCORE?

Six Essential Aspects of a Mission-Edge Neighbourhood Church	RATING (1 to 10)	Overall score for each aspect	Overall % for each aspect
1. Embracing hospitality	-	Add 1a, 1b and 1c	
a. We regularly share (time, meals, possessions and resources) together as the family of God.		_____ / 30	___ / 30 x 100
b. We regularly practice welcoming the stranger (someone outside our usual circles) as individuals and corporately.			= _____%
c. Our church community is a safe place for anyone to find belonging and explore following Jesus.			
2. Equipping one another to share the Gospel in WORD	-	Add 2a and 2b	
a. We regularly equip our church family to know how to naturally and effectively share the Good News today.		_____ / 20	___ / 20 x 100
b. We are committed to encouraging one another in sharing the Good News with our friends, co-workers, neighbours and those in our networks.			= _____%
3. Helping one another share the Gospel in DEED	-	Add 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d and 3e	
a. We can name the areas where corporately as a church we are seeking to be an incarnational presence to our local community.			

b. We can name the areas where corporately we are seeking to be a blessing to our global community.		____ / 50	____ / 50 x 100 = _____ %
c. We are committed to helping one another as individuals and families to be the incarnational presence of Jesus in our neighbourhoods and networks, locally and globally.			
d. We corporately have chosen local events and places where we will seek to be present.			
e. We encourage individuals to connect in their local community, living the life of Jesus incarnationally, as they go.			
4. Seeking to understand and partner with our local and global COMMUNITY	-		
a. We learn about our neighbours.		____ / 40	____ / 40 x 100 = _____ %
b. We, through corporate discernment, have a local and unique mission (at least one) that is owned by us, as a church family.			
c. We corporately have discerned a global community or cause where we are seeking to be partners in mission.			
d. We seek to learn from and join with others who could be effective, healthy partners in our mission.			
5. Seeking to understand CULTURE	-	Add 5a, 5b and 5c	
a. We corporately study how the Bible and Jesus intersects and speaks to culture in our day.		____ / 30	____ / 30 x 100

<p>b. We seek to understand culture, rather than hide from culture.</p>			<p>= _____%</p>
<p>c. We equip one another to know how to engage culture with Jesus' grace and truth.</p>			
<p>6. GATHERING in Christ to grow and SCATTERING into our neighbourhoods around the world</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Add 6a, 6b and 6c</p>	
<p>a. We gather in worship and seek to be transformed by the Spirit, who compels us to share the Gospel in word and deed.</p>		<p>____ / 30</p>	<p>____ / 30 x 100 = _____%</p>
<p>b. Our gathering is not the end point, but the centring point, for then scattering back the world incarnating Jesus.</p>			
<p>c. This ongoing process of gathering and scattering leads to growth in our church, both in spiritual depth and in numbers.</p>			

THANK YOU

*for taking action towards becoming a
Mission-Edge Neighbourhood Church.*



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