

FCCC Vision

“People Matter to God”

Our Vision is to develop a thriving, expanding church community that honours God and serves the broader London community by helping thousands of people experience a growing relationship with Jesus Christ, and a vital place in His church family.

"To his followers, Jesus said "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19,20)

FCCC History

While pastoring a church in the Vancouver area, a vision and desire began growing within the hearts of Rob & Coby Hogendoorn. It was a vision and desire to pioneer a new church that would be designed and formatted primarily for people with little church background or people who had dropped out of church years ago. As such it would be a church that would communicate God's love and truth in a contemporary and clear way that would effectively connect with the hearts and lives of people with little or no church affiliation.

Believing this to be God's leading, Rob and Coby moved with their family to London in September of 1992 and began to lay groundwork for turning this vision into reality.

Gathering a small core of dedicated followers, Forest City Community Church grew in size, and reached out to the people of London. Through radio ads, postcards, and the eager invitations of those already attending, FCCC expanded into the auditorium of Saunders Secondary School.

As the congregation grew, so did the services and opportunities for people to find a place to belong and contribute to the life and vision of the church. Programs for children, high school students, singles, twenty-something's, Bible study groups, and recovery ministries have blossomed.

And now, just fifteen years after its beginning, FCCC is the spiritual home for a couple thousand London residents, on a 30-acre property in south London. It is a growing church that remains passionate about helping people find faith and life in Christ and a place to belong in His family.

FCCC Beliefs

Forest City Community Church embraces and communicates the teachings of the historic, Christian faith. Understanding the Bible to be God's authoritative and reliable Word for humankind, we believe in God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The “Apostles’ Creed”, one of Christianity’s oldest summaries of biblical faith, is a good summary of what we believe:

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the place of the dead.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the universal Christian church,
the community of believers,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

FCCC Affiliations

Forest City Community Church is essentially an inter-denominationally oriented church. That is, its makeup is from, and for, people with diverse backgrounds. Currently there are people with Catholic backgrounds, various Protestant and evangelical backgrounds as well as little or no church background.

FCCC has two primary affiliations. One, it is affiliated with a Christian Protestant denomination called the Christian Reformed Church in North America. Secondly, FCCC is affiliated with the Willow Creek Association, a growing movement of churches around the world that use a similar approach in reaching people with the message and love of Christ.