



The whole
Church with the
whole *Gospel* for
the whole *City*.

Work hard to live *together* as *one* by the help of the Holy Spirit. Then there will be *peace*. There is one body and *one* Spirit. There is *one* hope in which you were called. There is *one* Lord and *one* faith and *one* baptism. There is *one* God. He is the Father of us all. He is over us all. He is the *One* working through us all. He is the *One* living in us all.

EPHESIANS 4:1-6 (NLV)



*Together, local Ministers, local Christian
leaders, local churches and local
organisations are uniquely positioned
to bring social, cultural and spiritual
change *in their city, for their city.**

You are the Movement.



‘Work for the *well-being of the city* where I have sent you to and pray to the Lord for this. For if it is well with the city you live in, it will be well with you.’

JEREMIAH 29:7 (NLV)



Who	Movement is a new paradigm in Church culture where Ministers, Christian leaders, the local church and local organisations
What	come together in <i>relational unity, reconciled diversity</i> to <i>understand</i> and <i>envision</i> the unique story and pain of their city and engage <i>collaboratively</i> to bring solutions that will
Why	permeate their city with a generous localised <i>Gospel</i> that releases <i>beauty</i> and <i>shalom</i> .
How	This <i>catalytic</i> paradigm is <i>championed</i> and <i>empowered</i> through local round tables, workshops, action teams, prayer and city gatherings called <i>Movement Day</i> .



SHALOM *def. (plural)*

The completeness, fullness, welfare, rest, wholeness, soundness, peace, safety and well-being that God wants for your city.



Cities Matter

Cities and towns have families, neighbourhoods, workplaces and institutions that *bring people together*.

They have street life, marketplaces, meeting places and *more person-to-person interactions in a day than are possible anywhere else*.

There is a day to day cultural exchange of attitudes, values, beliefs, goals, social practices and the impact of shared joy and pain.

Each of our cities is unique with its own culture, history, problems and assets.

Cities can be *powerful* places that create business and employment, research and learning, artistic development and social and spiritual connection.

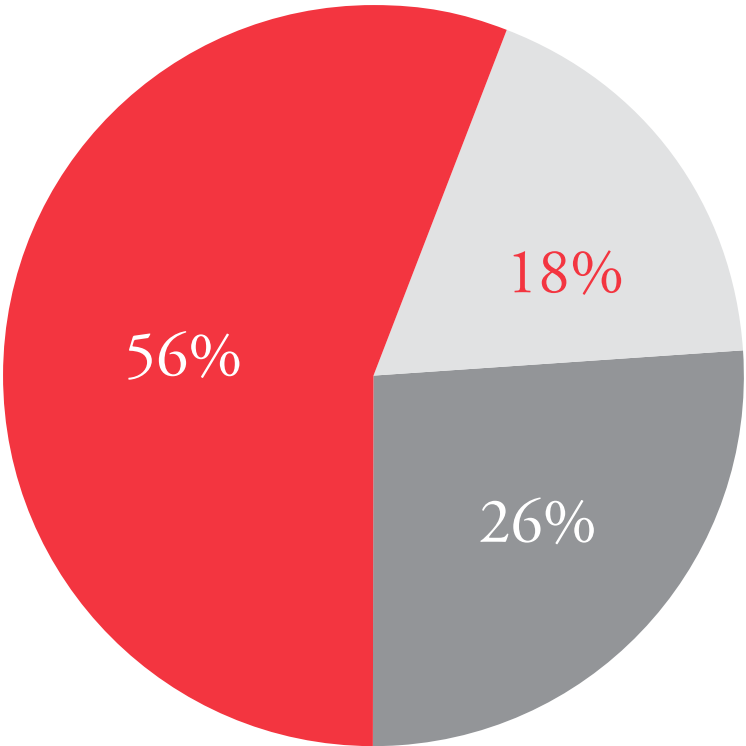
Our cities are also in great *pain*, where the most *vulnerable* are at risk - loneliness, poverty, domestic violence, sexual abuse, crime and corruption, injustice, homelessness, family breakdown, stress...





The Church used to be an integrated part of every city and town.

Despite 45% of Australians identifying with Christianity how well do Australians know their local church today?




- Extremely or very well
- Moderately or slightly well
- Not well at all

Imagine what could happen in Australian cities if 13,000 Churches & 12 million Australians who identify as Christian came together in their city for their city.

* McCrindle faith and belief research 2018





WE ARE FAR MORE UNITED
AND HAVE FAR MORE IN COMMON
WITH EACH OTHER THAN THAT
WHICH DIVIDES US
— JO COX MP

ST MICHAEL'S COMMUNITY CENTRE



Churches join forces to change their city. *Eternity*

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Churches from across the Sydney suburb of Ryde will meet with the local council this Sunday to create a blueprint for change in their city.

The meeting is the idea of Ryde Pastor's Network – a group of 11 pastors from the local Salvation Army, Baptist, Presbyterian, Wesley, Anglican and Lutheran churches.

"We're looking to stop just pastoring a flock and to start pastoring the city," explains Greigory Whittaker, leader of Ryde Salvation Army.

The City of Ryde – 12 kilometres west of Sydney's CBD – spans sixteen suburbs (including Ryde itself). It is home to around 128,000 people, of which around half were born overseas. The population is growing by 2.5 per cent a year – 56 per cent above the national average. According to a report in The Australian, the area is suffering from "growing pains", such as traffic congestion, overcrowded schools and hospitals, and increased crime.

The Ryde Pastor's Network, along with some congregation members, is meeting with a Ryde councillor and council members to discuss a collective response to other key social issues affecting the local community, including pornography, prostitution, domestic violence and mental illness.

"We're looking at the 'tears in our city' – the particular issues that are broken in our city – and looking to launch engagement groups in each of those categories," explains Whittaker.

Around 110 people are expected to attend the four-hour meeting, which will begin with a lunch where council and church members can get to know each other. Afterwards, council members will share their ideas about the major social issues affecting Ryde.

Experts will then present short talks on some of the issues, including Christian lawyer Steve Frost, who will speak about domestic violence from his experience supporting clients in this situation. Prominent anti-porn campaigner Letitia Shelton will talk about her work in battling pornography (as CEO of City Women Toowoomba). She will also share her vision about city-wide transformation and how to engage people in it.

A practical brainstorming session will follow, to workshop ideas which can address issues.

"We very much believe that people need to build it together, not come to a pre-described plan of action," says Whittaker. "We are really looking to be the ones who release diverse groups across the body of Christ and have them develop their community engagement together."

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– GREIGORY WHITTAKER

The Ryde Pastor's Network, which began meeting monthly almost three years ago, has 11 pastors involved.

"We've spent time really building trust and relationships. We're very focused on a city outlook, but we're building the foundations for that on strong relationships and prayer," Whittaker explains.

The network has already created a sub-committee to work on creating good communities in high-rise apartment towers.

"We've joined with Macquarie University to do a research piece on 'vertical villages'," says Whittaker.

Findings from the 12-month research project will be released in late 2020. "Again, we're looking at serving the body of Christ by making [the report findings] widely available. We're looking to end up with a toolkit for engaging with those in high-rise living, and a bunch of outcomes."

One of these outcomes could be pathways for churches to work with developers and councils in the planning of "socially integrated communities" in and around high-rise complexes, where a church plant could even be opened on site.

Following Sunday's meeting with the council, Ryde Pastor's Network hopes to launch cross-denominational engagement groups to respond to the community needs identified.

"The pastors really see themselves as not responsible for doing everything, but as the releasers, the resourcers, the encouragers and to keep accountable the various streams of activity in serving the city," says Whittaker.

**The good influence
of Godly citizens
causes a city to
prosper.**

PROVERBS 11:11 (Living Bible)



Movement goals and values

Our cities and towns

A Biblical call to relational unity

A Gospel for all things

A generous and releasing leadership

The direction of Holy Spirit

Connection and collaboration

Innovation and Creativity

Research driven initiatives

Measurable impact

A Long term and intergenerational mindset



Do you believe that your city or town belongs to God?

Do you believe that your city or town has a unique God given story?

Do you believe that the Gospel can develop beauty and Shalom in your city or town?

Do you come together as local Ministers, Christian leaders, churches and organisations in reconciled diversity for your city or town?

Are the local Ministers, Christian leaders and churches in your city or town known and trusted for their service, generosity and humility?

Do the local Ministers, Christian leaders and churches in your city or town accept responsibility for the pain points that affect human flourishing in your city?

Do you connect with other local Ministers, Christian leaders, churches and organisations in your city or town to develop and action Gospel inspired solutions to local issues?

DREAM
BIG.



**The Movement Team
are here to support
you and see the work
in your city flourish**

Create a Movement Day gathering

Major events that are held every 1-3 years and act as an accelerator for the long term vision of releasing beauty and shalom in Australian cities and towns.

Each Movement Day Gathering is between 1-3 days where the majority of Church Pastors and Christian Leaders gather to celebrate, connect, collaborate, catalyse, commission and tell Movement Stories that inspire action in other leaders to envisage and release beauty and shalom in their cities and towns.

Create a Movement Day round table

These are smaller more targeted workshops, meetings, meals or prayer times that network Christian Pastors and leaders across city spheres to release city wide beauty and shalom.

Create or Join a Movement Day action team in your city

These are focused meetings that bring together a team of local people to work on specific issues facing their city or town.

Check out Movement resources on our website

www.movement.org.au



**You will be known
as Repairers of the
Cities and Restorers
of Communities.**

ISAIAH 58:12 (RSV)



**May Your Kingdom
come, may Your will
be done on earth, as
it is in Heaven.**

MATTHEW 6:9-13 (GNT)



“Listen!

The Lord is calling to the city

...and what does the Lord require of you?

To act justly

To love mercy

And to walk humbly with your God ”

- Micah 6:8-9a (NIV)

