

About Us



Who we are

We're a church that exists to grow loving communities of Jesus-followers who live and share his irreligious message. We value community, simplicity, and peace with a mission to share the gospel and care for people.

Our vision is to introduce spiritually curious people to the Jesus-centred life, through a movement of Jesus-centred churches.

We belong to a denomination called Be In Christ Church of Canada, with roots in the Anabaptist and Wesleyan traditions, that values simplicity, peacemaking, and living out the teaching of Jesus in daily life.

Who is Jesus?

We take our cue from the life and teaching of the historical Jesus. We believe that Jesus reveals to us the best and clearest picture of who God is—and that's really good news. As God on Earth, Jesus came to show us God's love, save us from sin, set up God's kingdom, and shut down religion, so we can share in God's life together!

As his disciples, we want to trust in Jesus, grow in our faith, give of ourselves, go and invite others to follow Jesus, and do it all together in the context of loving community.

What we do

Sunday Services

We gather on Sundays across multiple locations for teaching, music, prayer, and volunteering. Our teaching is focused on the life and message of Jesus as found in the Bible, always with an emphasis on practical application to our own lives. Our hope is to create safe places for spiritual seekers to come and ask questions, connect with our community, and explore faith. Find a location at **themeetinghouse.com/locations**.

Home Church

Something really good happens when we intentionally gather in our neighbourhoods to share life, grow deeper spiritual friendships, and talk about how we can live Jesus-centred lives, all while we invite others to join us. That's why we meet during the week in homes to develop relationships, further study and apply Sunday's teaching, and care for one another and our neighbourhoods. Is connecting with a Home Church your next step? Go to **themeetinghouse.com/homechurch**.

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Kids

Kidmax is our Sunday morning program for infants to grade 5. We use our own Jesus-centred curriculum to help our kids learn to love and follow Jesus in a safe and welcoming environment. We want to empower parents to be the primary spiritual caregivers of their children, so we provide weekly take-home materials with each lesson. Find them and our Parent Blog at **themeetinghouse.com/kids**.

Youth

We walk alongside our youth as they learn to love and follow Jesus, sharing his message with others. Our Junior High program (grades 6-8) consists of Sunday morning gatherings during our services, as well as a midweek gathering. Our Senior High students (grades 9-12) remain in the service on Sundays and gather midweek for teaching and small groups. We use our own Jesus-centred youth curriculum and provide our youth with opportunities to build relationships, talk about Jesus, and engage in their community. For midweek times and locations, visit **themeetinghouse.com/youth**.

Compassion

We love, serve, and partner with vulnerable people as we journey together towards relationship, justice, and peace. We intentionally demonstrate the love and teaching of Jesus through peacebuilding, poverty alleviation, developing disciples, global church partnerships, and local engagement.

Globally, we donate millions of dollars to the work of our partner organizations. Our key partnerships include Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), World Vision Canada, and BIC Canada Global. Get involved at **themeetinghouse.com/compassion**.

Giving

We strive to live simply so that we can give generously. Jesus teaches that our money and possessions are entrusted to us by God to use, manage, and steward wisely by investing in what God is doing today. We want to live below our means so we can strategically support the work of the Church in fulfilling the Great Commission Jesus gives us. At The Meeting House, giving to the General Fund provides for all of our core ministries and is the primary way you can support us.

Ready to support the mission and vision of our church? Go to **themeetinghouse.com/give**.

Join The Party

Are you new to the teaching and mission of Jesus? Wondering what it really means to be a Christian? Jesus simply said, "Follow me." And an early Church leader, the apostle Paul, said that if we confess with our mouth that "Jesus is Lord" and believe that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved—saved into an eternity with

God, and saved here and now into a life with purpose, peace, and belonging. It all starts with a simple decision to orient our lives around Jesus.

To say Jesus is Lord is to willingly commit to a lifelong apprenticeship that is modeled after the life of Jesus and follow his example in how we love and serve others. We call this discipleship. Jesus invites us into this new way of living and offers us forgiveness for the ways we have missed the mark in loving God and loving others. It is a gift that we don't have to earn but simply receive because of his great love for us.

Having a relationship with Jesus is not simply agreeing with a set of beliefs or just showing up at church. In many ways, following Jesus is like other deeply committed relationships—you do all you can to get to know that person and to love, respect, and honour them. It's a heart commitment that expresses itself in a thousand different ways.

The best part is that you don't have to do it alone. God has created us to experience this Jesus-centred life in community with others so that we can love, support, and serve each other in this journey. We don't always get it right, but at least we're stumbling forward together. This is the beautiful and messy party that is the Church.

Jesus also teaches that those who decide to follow him are invited to make it official through baptism. Like a citizenship ceremony or receiving and wearing a wedding ring, baptism is a beautiful opportunity to stand before others and show you want to commit to the Jesus-centred life. Want to talk about your next step?

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Questions about getting involved?

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