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*Now this is eternal life: that they may know you the only true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.*

- John 17:3(NIV)

Join me on this journey to know the only true God and his son Jesus Christ through learning by discovering, exploring who God is and what he wants of us. Let us also realize that eternal life starts NOW! This leads to the vision God placed into my heart for next year:

“To Learn and to Live”

To Learn

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching,
rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God
may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17(NIV)

The idea of “to Learn” is to continue to build upon the foundation that was set in the Living Word in this year’s CCF. To dig deeper in Scripture by means of Bible studies and to learn from experiences of stories and testimonies in understanding the character of God, what He wants of us and our identity in Him. The main themes we will be focusing on learning about are FAITH, HOPE and LOVE and how they are central to us living as Christians.

To Live

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

*The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave himself for me.*

- Galatians 2:20(NIV)

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.

- James 1:22(NRSV)

Our FAITH is being sure of our HOPE in the Gospel and certain of what we do not see (Hebrews 11:1) and the life we now live we live by faith in the Son of God (Galatians 2:20). The idea of “To Live” is actively living out the eternal life that was given to you through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Knowing that the Holy Spirit lives in us, we practice our faith through daily picking up our cross (Luke 9:23) and live out his

commands to LOVE others. We are to be consistently conformed to God's likeness in attitude and in actions, so that we may be prepared for challenges in our faith/lives. May we be living testimonies for Christ here on campus showing the love of Jesus!!

How does this vision play out in UTCCF?

In keeping with the mission/purpose of UTCCF as a fellowship in University of Toronto St. George campus, which is stated in the constitution of UTCCF, the implementation of this vision focuses on IDENTITY, COMMUNITY and OUTREACH.

1. *Identity* – Encourage individual bible studies, prayer and devotions
2. *Community* –
 - a. Discipleship of individuals in small groups, investment groups and individual one-to-one discipleship through sharing and corporate reading of the Word
 - b. Provide opportunities to serve and be involved in the serving community such as ministries
 - c. Set up collaborative opportunities with other Christian fellowships and movements on campus such as joint prayer meetings and events
3. *Outreach* –
 - a. Encourage small groups based on action or social justice allowing the awareness and exposure of the issues and struggles on campus, the community and the world
 - b. Practice simple acts of love to break us out of our comfort zones of stigmas, fears and complacency

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Church: The Meeting House

Years as a Christian: 7 **Years in CCF:** 3

There are all these metaphors that are running through my head and are trying to find voice in this vision statement.

There is a part of me that wants to prove or justify my identity through this process; to seek validation of my journey.

Even this is passing...

And all I'm left with are slivers of truth and vision mixed with an ocean of self-doubt.

I'm straining to strain out the essential.

Here goes:

THE IDEAS

Moving into spaces that allow certainty to die

⁴ So Abram left, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Gen. 12: 4

I was talking to a friend – we were discussing deep theological doctrine.

“But it seems that this should be front and centre – why is it that there is such a divide on an issue (God’s wrath) that seems so fundamental?”

As a community of faith, if we begin to encourage people to explore the way of truth and love and peace through a reading of the Word that is not encumbered with a history of interpretation,

Then...

We start allowing people to express a theology unique to their pain.

God begins to “move into [our] neighbourhood” (Numbers 35:34 – Message) and He starts to become real in our realities.

Sometimes, there is no *one* path. God called Abram – not Lot.

Mingling of hope and doubt

I was walking through a swamp.

The edges of my facades were beginning to peel and I prayed.

“God, put me in places where I have to choose you.”

² Now the earth was ^[a] formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. Gen. 1:1

Sometimes, the journey to genuineness is not linear. Sometimes, you have to walk backwards carefully.

As a community of faith, when we allow our brothers and sisters to wrestle through their individual crises and afford them the latitude to make mistakes, then, even though things look raw and sometimes ugly...

at least it's real. Therein lies hope.

What we cannot afford is to let them stop searching, to stop walking

Even if it's painful.

My journey has been an intimate understanding of pain. And sometimes the despair has led to anger and self-loathing...

But, even though it may appear that I am now formless and void

the spirit of God *still* hovers over me.

Invoking new identities

They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Isaiah 2:4

Sometimes, a prostitute is a daughter. Sometimes, a homeless man is a brother.

Sometimes, we need to redefine how we see our neighbours.

Sometimes, we need to look deeper into mirrors of hope.

Only then, can we as a community of faith begin to redeem our neighbourhoods to synagogues and to reimagine our society as a “good and perfect gift sent from above”.

Spears don't look a thing like pruning hooks.

This is going to be hard. And it's ok.

Isaiah 3:24 Instead of fragrance there will be a stench;
 instead of a sash, a rope;
 instead of well-dressed hair, baldness;
 instead of fine clothing, sackcloth;
 instead of beauty, branding.

The stakes are too high.

WHAT THOSE IDEAS LOOK LIKE

Deliberate Simplicity: As a community, we begin weaning ourselves from the influence and values of the empire.

Radical Community: Maybe we can't sell all our possessions, but we start moving towards that.

Maybe we can't build a well in Ethiopia, but we can start sponsoring a child.

I can't become who God wants me to be

until...

you become who God wants you to be.

Genuine Service: We begin to absorb the stories of our friends on the street and next door. We help them *carry* their burdens while

carrying

their

burdens.

Jesus for Prime Minister.

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This is my prayer and my vision for CCF:

I pray that we will be a Jesus centered community.
I pray that we will be centered on God's Word.
I pray that we will love what Jesus loves, hates what he hates.
I pray that we be a community that kicks apathy to the curb.
I pray that we be a community that prays.
I pray that we be a community that supports one another.
I pray that we would be a community that doesn't judge.
I pray that we be the hands and feet Christ in this campus and city through deeds based on knowledge.
I pray that we be a community has no boundaries and barriers, that anyone could walk into it and see the light and love of Christ, and it's a community that exists more than once a week
I pray that CCF would be a FORCE for Christ.
I pray Christ will be proud of us.

Lord, I thank You for Jesus, for the cross that he bore for my sins. For loving us more deeply than we can ever grasp and putting up with us when we turn our backs on you and think that we knew better. Thank you for the forgiveness you show, every time, without fail. Thank you for the life that you have given me and the hope and grace that I would be dead without.

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What is UTCCF to us? What is UTCCF to this campus?

UTCCF is a community on the University of Toronto campus which seeks to make God known to our campus as He makes Himself known to us when we seek Him. For the last few years, CCF has explored this overall vision through various means. We have focused on *Connecting* with God, each other, ourselves, and others. We have examined the necessity of *ownership of one's beliefs*. Without this, one's faith is not anchored by true pursuit of Christ. Finally, this year we have examined the fundamentals of what we believe and why we can believe it with an emphasis on the sovereignty of Christ *to whom all glory is ascribed*.

As a university fellowship, we are located at a crossroads in the lives of thousands of students. It is in this atmosphere that many individuals learn, mature, and grow in character. There are few environments in the world which allow such opportunity and flexibility to grow in proximity to other believers, explore one's interests, and connect with others on campus. With this opportunity, we are to be the fragrance of Christ on campus, an aroma to those who know Him and to those who do not (2 Cor. 2: 14-15). This past year, the furthering of this goal has been more implicit as we focused on the Fruit of the Spirit in the Christian life with the intent for CCF members to bear fruit in the campus around them. For the upcoming year, I believe CCF can provide more explicit avenues through which we can minister to those around us, to maintain a connection with God, nurture connections with other disciples, and build connections with those around us.

My emphasis for the upcoming school year will be the same as it was for this past year on committee—building connection. UTCCF is a combination of many individuals who serve and learn in a multitude of ways. Members may choose to join a Bible study, men's group, leadership group. Like last year, I believe it is important to let CCF know what is going on at CCF and to provide support where it is needed. In addition, it is important to allow members to maintain a connection with the fellowship upon graduation. This year I have sought to do this in an administrative sense, participating in the alumni network and managing communications. For this year, I believe that the Vice-Chair position will provide an opportunity to continue this vision through personal connection with small groups and ministries, investing in and encouraging leaders. The role of the Vice Chair is to assist the Chairperson in their responsibilities and to coordinate and assist small groups. I believe that most of the activities of CCF take place outside of the large group session. Weekly large group meetings serve to consolidate the members of CCF, allowing us to all come together. I believe that CCF would benefit from learning about what is occurring in each of the small groups. The Vice Chair position affords the flexibility for pursuing such an initiative while providing support for other committee members.

I acknowledge that vision is always being developed and expect that God will continually reveal His will to us as we maintain our connection with Him and come together in corporate discernment with each other. As such, connection is essential for UTCCF as we seek His will.

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Vision: *Developing the Cutting Edge*

Key Verse: “As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” Proverbs 27:17

Why? The essence of Christianity is to know God and make Him known. (Matthew 22:37-40)

- Knowing God: dedicated Bible study, reading, and meditation, and prayer.
 - How are you doing in your pursuit of God?
- Making Him known: to Christians and non-Christians, in our love, actions, and words.
 - How are you doing in loving others as yourself?

Why develop the *Cutting Edge*?

- So that we have the “*missional edge*” (Ooi, 2009), individually, and as a body of Christ, always being ready to give a reason for the hope that is in us (1 Peter 3:15)
- In spurring each other on and encouraging one another (Hebrews 10:19-25)
- To run the race set before us, with perseverance, being *laser focused* on the joy set before us through Jesus Christ (Hebrews 12:1-3)

How do we develop the *Cutting Edge*?

- By exposing ourselves to an incredibly *sharp sword*: God’s Word (Hebrews 4:12)
- By growing in community, challenging each other, praying for each other, encouraging one another, loving one another, ... *sharpening one another* (Proverbs 27:17)

Applying the Vision

- Develop our relationship with God and with one another
- Relationship with God: Prayer and the Bible. Partnering with Bible Study leaders to facilitate solid spiritual growth and equipping CCFers with the whole armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-18)
- Relationship with one another: Investment groups, discipleship groups (1-on-1, 1-n, small group settings), mentorship, subcommittees, small group leader accountability.
- Unity: Committee – unity in vision / purpose, regular review of leaders’ visions and goals, accountability. Unity of CCF, U of T, and local campuses. Partnering together to develop *the cutting edge* of the Gospel.
- Leadership Training: Summer retreat for all leaders (current, future, and interested, at all capacities), other training as needed, continual follow-up

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CCF Vision Statement 2009-2010

*"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith."
Ephesians 3:16-17 (TNIV)*

Vision Statement: To seek after God and to live out our joy in Christ.

No matter where we are in our walk with God, we are called to seek after Him and remind ourselves of His majesty and grace in our lives. As Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). Our love, joy and faith in God are examples of such fruit. In order for these fruits to grow we must constantly be nourished from God by earnestly seeking after Him. How do we seek after God? We seek after Him through studying His Word, by prayer and devotions, and by savouring His presence in our lives. We remind ourselves daily that His Spirit lives within us and that He is at the center of our lives. As we seek after God, we learn more about His nature, and through His Spirit we are transformed to live a life of righteousness for Him.

My hope for CCF is that we would be a community that earnestly seeks after God. That CCF would be a place where brothers and sisters in Christ are able to share about their walk and uplift each other's faith with love. I pray that by seeking after God, that His Spirit would move within us so that Christ would dwell deeper in our hearts to be a treasure and joy to share. And I pray that as we live a life for God, that our lives would reflect this joy within our hearts. May we be a people that can share with those on campus and throughout our lives the great joy that is in Christ.

Mission Points (How can the vision be implemented):

Seeking and Living

- Having sincere devotionals that focus on seeking after God and living for Him in the midst of our university setting.
- Teaching and encouraging spiritual disciplines that help us to seek after God.
- Bible Studies to learn more about God's character and what it means to live for Him.
- Having opportunities for members to seek and grow through serving.

Community

- Prayers that God will move within CCF and campus.

- Intentional community building through small groups/investment groups/mentorship for uplifting each other in Christ through love, accountability and teaching.
- Encouraging members in CCF to care for each other's walk.

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This is my vision:

1) That CCF will be a praying community

- To learn(different aspects of prayer and what prayer is ultimately), understand (what does the Bible speak about prayer and why do we pray) and make it habitual to pray unceasingly; both as individuals and as a fellowship.
- To be earnest in our prayers at all times.
- To know that prayer is an important "tool" we have in walking with God.

2)That CCF will be a part of each and every member's journey in attaining God's armour

- That CCF should be a stepping stone/channel for members to equip themselves a little bit more(or a whole lot more) while they are in campus
- Provide opportunities for members to learn Bible knowledge through Bible studies and interactions in small groups.

3)That CCF will encourage, train and provide opportunities for God's word to be known throughout campus.

- To introduce to members the many many ways evangelism is done (one would be how we live out our faith daily)
- CCF encourages/reminds members(thus each other) to live out our daily lives to glorify God and that others may smell God's fragrance on us.

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I envision CCF to be a fellowship where...

1. Members are connected to each other on a personal and spiritual level through learning and serving together
2. Members are connected to God through prayer and discipline for the purpose of preparing God's people for works of service, building up the body of Christ and living for His Glory (Eph 4:12)

Why is this important?

During my time at CCF, God has blessed me abundantly through the people He has placed around me over the past few years and I have been able to grow and mature spiritually through discipline, moral support and involvement in CCF. I realize how important it is for CCF members to be able to connect and support each other and to serve and learn together. Therefore, I want to continue to build on top of that.

- Through serving together, people are able to connect to one another on a personal and spiritual level so that they may support one another and build up the body of Christ so that in whatever we do, whether in word or deed, we do it all in the name of our Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father (Col 3:17)

How will this be achieved?

As secretary-treasurer, I will be able to serve CCF by focusing on the logistics of running the fellowship and by helping with the organization of small groups, ministries and events outside of large group.

It is my intention...

1. That this will increase the connection between small groups, large group and ministries

To work with the committee members to create more opportunities for members to connect to God and one another by getting involved serving in ministries, prayer meetings and Bible studies.

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Vision Statement for UTCCF 2009 – 2010 (Oh man already another decade?)

So what is my vision for next years CCF?

1) Blending old with the new

To bring in and integrate new members, especially the frosh. This means getting older members and newer ones together as one CCF family. As a frosh myself and new member this year I have grown to love the CCF family and the appreciate people in it.

2) Everyone is a leader

I believe leadership development is an important aspect to the functioning and continuation of CCF. Leaders with more experience can share and be a living witness to those who are curious to know more about Christ. Everyone should be given an opportunity to explore his or her potential.

God gave each of you special talents and wonderful abilities and he promised there will always be a place for you to use them for His glory. Jesus inspires us in Luke12:48 saying, "... much is required from those to whom much is given, and much more is required from those to whom much more is given."

3) God aimed and People driven events

As fun as social events may be we must remember that events are not held solely for the sake of personal enjoyment, but more importantly for the Glory of God and the formation of unity as his children in worship to him. The underlying purpose of each event must be to promote better fellowship with God and to support each other up in God.

How to make it happen?

1. Formation of a 'Social Committee'

- The committee will collaborate with me to plan and organize regular CCF events all year round and other ministry leaders with their events as well.
- Our goal is to extend a warm invitation to new comers and your friends to attend our events.
- To have fun, and enjoy the process of serving God and mutual fellowship with fellow CCFers.

2. Create more opportunities for leadership development

- Use the investment groups' setting to implement on-going leadership development for all members of CCF with the support of your group leader and fellow group members.
- Continue the mentor coupling of Bible study leaders during next year's retreat. (Which I must say was a very successful program this year.)

Just if you're curious as to why my nickname is "tofu", it's because I've always been soft and white (Shanghainese mom, can't help it). Hehe.

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Vision Statement

“Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold” - 2 Corinthians 2:13

CCF is composed in three major elements, teaching, fellowship and action.

How to Implement Outreach

Evangelism

We must be prepared to share our faith with utmost confidence and joyful heart. At every opportunity, to everyone that is around us, we have to be bold and eager. We have to relate to them and understand the reasons for their disbelief by establishing a foundation and a common understanding of both the legitimacy of the Bible, and how it relates to a group of people who have no need for God (Psalm 96:1-3)

Social Justice

CCF needs to be an active contributor in helping those who are less fortunate in Toronto. The homeless, the street youth, they all need a friend, and someone to look up to as they face the challenges around them. We have to be aware of the needs of those around us and we need to ACT. (James 1:26)

Campus Crusade

CCF needs to connect with our student body. Through organizations such as AOA, Hart House Social Justice, and LGBTQ, we need to form connections and relationships so that CCF, but more than that, God's influence can permeate and be recognized through these groups as well. Furthermore, we have to engage in discussion with fellow faith and religious groups such as, the HSA, and the MSA. We need to build bonds and relationships, so that we can share our faith and hope to grow in understanding with one another. (Mark 1: 40-41)

What do I want to see happen at the end of the Year

This year, I will inform you of different opportunities and causes. You will then identify what it is you feel passionate about and what you feel God has called you to do. Lastly, you will then act and implement in accordance to your passion.

How will this get Done

- One large event for each branch of outreach outlined above
- Assemble a small outreach group
- Invite more others leaders to come in and talk about their program and organization

How will this Change You

- B** – Be able to proclaim and share the Good News to the world
- O** – oriented to the needs and despairs of this world

- L** - Live and witness the realities of God's Love and Word through the actions of yourself and others
- D** – Develop your passion and realize what God has called you to do.

In the end

Two questions that I want people to constantly be asking themselves:
- **What can I do and what can I say.**

Name: Bosco Tung

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Years as a Christian: 4+ **Years in CCF:** 1

WHAT is my vision for UTCCF next year?

*“...the **true worshipers** will worship the Father in **spirit and truth**, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him”* – John 4:23

- To see us *continually* be **made free by the truth** (John 8:31-32) and not merely hearers but **doers** worshipping in **spirit** (James 1:22 and Romans 12:1)

HOW will we work towards continually worshipping in spirit and truth?

- For us to live out not only the greatest and first commandment but also the second: “**love your neighbours as yourself**” (Matthew 22:39)

WHAT does it mean to love our neighbours as ourselves?

- We must first **believe** that everyone **needs** Jesus Christ, who is the **only** “way, truth and life” (John 14:6) and there’s **nothing** better than *moving* in a **Christ-ward direction**.
- To love someone is to desire and do what is **best** for them, just as Christ laid down his life for us. (1 John 3:16)

HOW does this relate to outreach?

- Evangelism/outreach is best understood as **encouraging** others to repent (turn from sins) and **turn** towards a Christ-ward direction (Acts 20:21)
- The best evangelists are those who are **moving** in a Christ-ward direction as they **themselves** are repenting and turning **all areas of their life** towards God.
- The best example of evangelism in the bible is the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman: it **begins** with building **trusting relationships**.

PRACTICALLY applying this to CCF next year?

- I will work with small group leaders and the committee to **combine** sound **teaching** with **opportunities to act** and **live** it out. (Matthew 7:24)
- **Supporting** each other as **witnesses in our daily lives** by organizing sessions on **how** to share the gospel message (in a personal way): **starting** from **within** CCF that extends to our family, friends on campus, professors, co-workers, or even the stranger on the street!
- **Partnering** with the many other Christian groups on campus and local church communities (Sharing, encouragement, praying, outreach events etc.)

- Doing all I can to **encourage/create** the opportunities to **read, study, know** and **discuss** the Bible.

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Every Friday, we come with burdens and distractions which hinder us from giving God our complete attention. As Large Group Coordinator, I would be responsible for the organization and smooth running of each Friday large group program so that you can focus on God and hear Him speak to you. Complete focus only comes when we commit our entire being as living sacrifices to glorify Him and to edify the Body. Therefore, my vision for next year is to see us discover our spiritual gifts and to use them to serve God and build up one another.

When I was considering whether to run for Committee, I had a feeling of inadequacy. However I realized that by not serving, the gifts that He gave me to do His work were going to waste. As it says in Ephesians 4:11-13, "It was Christ who gave gifts to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God." It is by seeking Him that our gifts are revealed and it is by having an open heart which allows Him to mould us into servants to fulfill His purpose.

The second reason why we should serve is to support one another in love. Our call to be living sacrifices is not only restricted to Fridays. Likewise, we should be serving our brothers and sisters through spiritual support throughout the week.

Within the context of Fridays, as Large Group Coordinator I would like to open up more opportunities for you to discover how you can use your gifts. I also hope to set up accountability partners within Investment Groups in order to help develop friendships and spur one another on. As individuals, God has blessed us with our own set of gifts. Because God is the common link between us, we work as one Body with one focus which is to give Him all the glory, honour and praise. We are many members, but act as one Body with one focus.