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## OUR 2010 VISION



## A LIFE WORTH LIVING

**At Melville City Church,  
people find true worth by living  
to please Christ  
(Colossians 1:9)**

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## **Our People**

As of December 2009, around 150 persons participate regularly in the life of Melville City Church. Average Sunday attendance is 80 people, comprising 65 adults and 15 children.

We seek to expand the Christlikeness of these people and to grow the church through introducing unchurched people to Christ. Over the past year, we have seen several young professional couples become regular church attenders and we have seen also a decline in attendance of university students from the South-west who are or were studying in Perth.

## **Our Leadership**

Rod and Gigi Thiele are the Church Leaders and Russell and Jenny Muirhead are Associate Leaders. Together, they comprise the church *Leadership Team*. Collectively they take responsibility for six of the 7Cs of church life:

*Celebrating Christ together* - Gigi - how Sundays happen

*Caring sincerely* - Jenny - how we pray and how we care

*Connecting meaningfully* - Russell - how we do small groups

*Content to grow by* - Rod - what we teach and learn

*Climate changing* - Rod - our spiritual tone and leaders' development

*Corporately healthy* - Rod - our operations and staff

The seventh of the "7Cs" stands for:

*Christlikeness the way* - This is the responsibility of everyone at MCC

The Leadership Team is assisted ministerially by credentialed ministers Robin Cullen and Iola Hewson. Collectively, this group acts in a local *Eldership* (or shepherding) capacity. The Leadership Team is assisted by church staff.

*Area Leaders* are responsible for leading their Areas, adding to the spiritual tone of the church as a whole and supporting other leaders. The Area Leaders are:

Kids	Bec Thomas
Youth and Young Adults	Keryn Discenza
Music	Virginia Muirhead

*Service Leaders* are responsible for organising a specific service arm of the church and supporting people serving in that arm. The Service Leaders are:

First Impressions	Geoff Bain
Service Teams	Mike Mollart
Café	Gloria Poi
Audio	Doug Hounslow

Leadership Training will occur in 2010 that uses the 2009 *Global Leadership Summit* DVDs. Each member of the Eldership and Area Leaders are expected to attend. This program will be offered also to other attendees by invitation, with a view to leadership development.

## **Our Primary Field of Influence**

People come to MCC from all across Perth. However, we strongly believe that our primary field of influence lies within the City of Melville, where around 40% of our regular attending families live and where we invest most of our effort and time. Significant proportions reside in the adjacent municipalities of Canning (20%) and Cockburn (15%).

The City of Melville's suburbs have 98,000 people living in Alfred Cove, Applecross, Ardross, Attadale, Bateman, Bicton, Booragoon, Brentwood, Bull Creek, Kardinya, Leeming, Melville, Mount Pleasant, Murdoch, Myaree, Palmyra, Willagee and Winthrop.

### **Our Purpose**

As a church, we use the motto "A life worth living". We refer to MCC as "people who find true worth by living to please Christ". This comes from Colossians 1: 9. The things we do are guided by what we call the Colossians Road, adopted from the Bible passage Col 1: 10-14.

At Melville City Church, we strive to:

- please and **imitate Christ** through the way we live
- know **God's will** for our lives and obey Him in **faith**
- have an **eternal** perspective
- **share our faith** with others and rescue them from darkness
- grow in our **knowledge** of God
- have endurance, patience and a **vision** beyond ourselves
- be **fruitful** in the good works we do for God
- be strengthened with God's power by the **Holy Spirit**
- **pray** for others consistently
- share the **forgiveness** that Jesus has offered everyone
- **worship** God with hearts filled with joy

If we are living a life worth living, then we anticipate Christlike development as the natural and spiritual consequences of us living such a life. This is because God is honoured, his Spirit is valued, men and women are drawn and convicted, and people find fulfilment in God.

### **Our 2010 Direction**

Retaining the principles of the Colossians Road for our church vision, we will focus on growth with a theme of *People Growing People*, which is a combination of *People Growing* and *Growing People*.

*People Growing* - People who participate in MCC's various ministries should be growing: growing in their faith and growing in their knowledge of Christ. *Growing People* - People who participate in MCC's various ministries should also increasingly participate in faith-sharing, mission and caring for others.

We will use Hebrews 6:1-12 to inform our preaching, teaching, small group and Area activities through 2010. In particular, we will seek the blessings and fruitfulness of God described in v.7.

Hebrews 6:7 *Land that drinks in the rain often falling on it and that produces a crop useful to those for whom it is farmed receives the blessing of God.*

**Teaching and Preaching themes for 2010**

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Scope</b>
<b>The Father's Love</b> (continued from 2009)	Forgiveness Restoration Unconditional love The Nature of God
<b>The King's Kids</b> (7 February to 7 March)	The King Authority Accountability Discipline Family Blessing Repentance
<b>The Curtain</b> (8 March to 4 April)	The Atonement Fulfilment of the Law Sin and Separation Intimacy Priestly functions Easter
<b>Fruit!</b> (5 April to 30 May)	Of the Spirit Of the flesh The burden of prayer Faith Good fruit First fruits
<b>Multiplication</b> (31 May to 18 July)	Evangelism 1 Missions Giving Impacting lives
<b>Stepping Out</b> (19 July to 22 August)	Evangelism 2 Just Walk Across the Room
<b>Rain</b> (23 August to 17 October)	Dry times and bounty Refreshing Holy Spirit encounter
<b>Seasons</b> (31 October to 26 December)	Aging Youth Christmas

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