

# CASE FOR **SUPPORT**

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## **Our Purpose**

We exist to grow loving communities of Jesus-followers who live and share his irreligious message.

## **Our Values**

We walk in the way of Jesus toward community, simplicity, and peace.

## **Community**

We believe that God created us for relationship with him and with each other.

## **Simplicity**

We challenge ourselves to live simply so that we can give generously.

## **Peace**

We are committed to non-violent, peacemaking, and being agents of reconciliation.

# Our History

The Meeting House, founded in 1986, is a multi-site church with 18 sites across Ontario, Canada. At our core, we are a Home Church movement—we place a high value on meeting weekly in small groups in over 160 homes. We also have thousands of people from all around the world who track with The Meeting House teaching online.

## Overseers Board

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# Our Unique Mission

Jesus teaches that to whomever much is given, much will be required (Luke 12:48). We have much to steward and much to offer to a world and culture that so desperately needs to hear the irreligious message of Jesus.

- We are among the wealthiest people on the planet. Jesus calls us to invest our money in the poor and the poor in spirit.
- Our rich Anabaptist distinctives are unique but under-represented in the present Canadian cultural, social, and religious landscape.
- Advancements in media and communication technology allow us to reach more people than ever before.

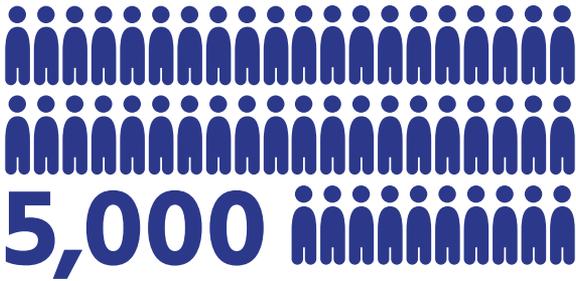
The Meeting House is responding to changes in culture and technology in innovative and exciting ways, the likes of which our Anabaptist, Wesleyan, and Brethren in Christ (now Be in Christ Church of Canada) roots have never seen.

We offer compelling teaching in a language, format, and style our culture understands, through popular online platforms and digital media that have become a normative part of our daily lives.

We are inviting you to invest in our ministry.

# Sunday Services

We gather weekly to hear the message of Jesus and what it means to follow him. When we put Jesus at the centre and invest our time, talent, finances, and energies together as the church, we build loving communities that partner with God to accomplish his purpose.



**Attendance** at Sunday services  
across 18 sites each week.



**Downloads** of our  
teaching each month,  
rapidly extending  
our audience far  
beyond our walls.

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A CHURCH  
FOR PEOPLE  
WHO AREN'T  
iNTO CHURCH

# Home Church

The primary way we do community is through small groups of people meeting in homes during the week. We ask questions, further study and apply Sunday's teaching, build supportive relationships, and compassionately serve our local communities. We believe intentional community is fundamental to our discipleship.

**2,300** attend  
a Home Church.

We resource  
**168** Home  
**Churches**, where we  
connect deeply with  
Jesus and each other.



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# Kids and Youth Programming

Our message simplified: Jesus is Lord and he loves you! We are committed to developing lifelong followers of Jesus and we create our own, Jesus-centred teaching materials for these age groups.

## Kids

Kidmax is our children's program for infants to grade 5. Kidmax provides a safe environment where kids can learn to love and follow Jesus.

## Youth

The Underground is our program for youth from grade 6 to grade 12. The mission of The Underground is to lead students into a growing and lifelong relationship with Jesus.

**1,500**

**kids and youth** are learning what it means to follow Jesus in our Sunday morning and mid-week programs. each week



**500+**

**youth and leaders** participate in a youth retreat twice a year, often a significant marker in the spiritual journey of our students.



Learn more  [parents.themeetinghouse.com](https://parents.themeetinghouse.com)  
[theunderground.ws](https://theunderground.ws)

# Local and Global Compassion

Believing that all people are created in God's image, we willingly support local and global initiatives that serve those in need. We accomplish this by giving our time to serve in our local communities and by contributing financially to the work of partner agencies who intentionally demonstrate Jesus' love through action: by supporting the marginalized and vulnerable, by reconciling people groups to each other, and by sharing his message.

# \$1,000,000

**The Meeting House Community gives annually to support our compassion partners** both locally and globally.



Home Church members **regularly serve** dozens of local development organizations across Southern Ontario through volunteering and financial giving.



**Local organizations received funding** through our Local Compassion Agency Fund in 2017.

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# Giving to Ongoing Ministries

Our finances are organized into three funds. When you give, you aren't just giving to The Meeting House, you are fueling the great commission. We prioritize discipleship, learning how to follow Jesus as his disciples and helping other people learn the irreligious message of Jesus. Thank you for your interest in partnering with The Meeting House.



## General fund

Our primary fund helps us **live** and proclaim the irreligious message of Jesus. It helps us pay the bills for ongoing ministry expenses, including locations, equipment, staff salaries, and general church costs.



## Compassion fund

This fund allows us to **love** and serve others by going outside of our walls to radically and generously support our local and global compassion partners.



## Growth fund

This fund helps more people **learn** the irreligious message of Jesus as we launch new sites, create disciple-making tools, and develop our own Jesus-centred kids and youth teaching.

# Giving to Special Projects

Beyond supporting our ongoing ministry work, several projects require incremental funding each year. Your support is what keeps these projects running. Thank you!

## **Kids & Youth Curriculum**

Our kids and youth are not just the church of tomorrow—they are the church of now. We want to develop and equip disciples of all ages. What sets our curriculum apart is our Anabaptist approach: it's Jesus-centred, and highlights our values of community, simplicity, and peace. We see creating this curriculum as a Kingdom project. Over 370 churches in more than 10 countries access this curriculum, impacting the lives of thousands of students each week. Your financial support will allow us to continue to produce this curriculum and make it accessible to hundreds of churches that would not otherwise be able to afford this high quality product.

## **Website**

Our website is our greatest communication platform for connecting with spiritual seekers who are interested in the irreligious message of Jesus. It is also a critical communications tool that helps visitors find a Meeting House site or Home Church, learn about our compassion initiatives and how they can get involved, and access thousands of hours of video and audio teaching from our archive. The current platform has many limitations and outdated technologies that impede our ability to use our website to its full potential. \$100,000 will allow us to rebuild our website and share the message of the Gospel more effectively around the globe.

### **Roof Replacement**

The production site in Oakville houses the teams that support our 17 sites with all that is required to run weekend services, kids and youth ministry, compassion and outreach. We will begin replacing the Oakville roof in 2017, mostly using funds available in the General Fund. An additional \$200,000 is needed to complete the roof in the spring of 2018.



Building loving communities of Jesus-followers who live and share his irreligious message is a privilege and we are deeply grateful for your partnership.



**Thank you for investing in The Meeting House.**

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