

Table 1

16 POSSIBILITIES FOR THE 21 CENTURY		AGREEMENT					WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE				
		1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
1	Today's Christians tend to explore issues of faith by Internet and digital based technologies. <b>TCIF (twitter, google, internet, facebook)</b> is the language of the post-modern mission field. Narrative, metaphor, image rich and engagement are essential.	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
2	At the heart of the migration, rote teaching and reading have been replaced by <b>TCIF (twitter, google, internet, facebook)</b> plus digital projection and powerpoint presentations.	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
3	The primary focus is <b>relationship</b> . We ask "What relationship do we need to do ministry well? What partners are there in community that we can join with to engage God's mission?"	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
4	We might think about people and groups who share space in our church building. Our relationship can be enhanced to be a better community.	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
5	Revenue in our community can be enhanced through applying for <b>GRANT Monies</b> for Community Projects, for new and renewing faith communities and innovative projects. Projects that focus on seniors, children, environment and social justice issues should access available grants. <b>See Note Below-</b>	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
6	When ministries, like Worship and Pastoral Care Committees, are compartmentalized within organizational structures, the focus is more on structure than on a worldview. How these structures communicate/ collaborate/ adapt is often overlooked in the busyness of the organization.	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
7	Developing congregational processes to engage conflict with maturity and ease, effective processes of evaluation and adaptation for guiding renewal and growth and processes of community engagement are essential as we move forward.	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
8	Using techniques like <b>Open Space Technology, Asset Mapping and Appreciative Inquiry</b> (see below) are possible new ways to bring people together to share ideas (determined to make a difference).	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
9	Decisions that always need to come to the "Council" for approval are an expression of <b>command and control leadership</b> . In an <b>Empowerment model</b> , "Council sets basic budget and vision boundaries, then trusts those accountable to implement their work. Sharing information about the work and its cost are the forms of accountability.	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
10	The <b>authority of clergy</b> in ministry is best measured by the authenticity of their own spiritual journey than by their academic qualifications.	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
11	<b>Leadership capacities</b> that demonstrate creative vision and the ability to recognize emerging opportunities along with the ability to adapt to shifting conditions (i.e. Financial considerations) need to be encouraged.	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
12	The capacity to engage <b>relational networks</b> to foster community formation and to motivate and clarify common goals is a quality needed today.	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
13	The <b>Missional congregation</b> is one where a person or group feels a call to mission (something God is seeking to do in the community) and begins to live it out. Relationship and not membership moves the initiative forward. Faith is shared and faith formation deepens for all. Some form of Spiritual Practice may result.	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
14	"Only in that impossible, uncertain, disruptive place, when finger by finger, the fist of our little hearts is pulled open - only in that impossible agonizing place - does a new depth of naked <b>essential faith</b> in God mysteriously become possible."	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5

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15	Post-moderns have a more organic understanding of the universe and world that focuses more on inter-relatedness, dynamism, and recovers a mystical sensibility. A more organic approach to ministry development is <b>Messy Church</b> - a model designed for parents and their children both to worship and learn together, often held monthly and not on Sunday morning.										
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16	<b>Online conversations</b> can begin a learning network and a form of community gathering. This project like this would provide a platform for leaders at all levels of Christianity to share their energy, prototyping, success, failure and hope around the work <b>they are feeling called to do</b> , providing a networking opportunity.										
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**OPEN SPACE TECHNOLOGY:** an alternative way to engage deeply and creatively around issues of concern. Time and space is created for people who set their own agenda and have the power and desire to see it through. Open Space meetings result in transformative experiences for the individuals and groups involved.

**ASSET MAPPING: Asset Mapping** is an important activity in **asset**-based community development which emphasizes identifying community strengths rather than needs. A Capacity Inventory tool is one of the primary ways that communities can begin to identify and **map** their strengths and **assets**.

**APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY:** AI is a fundamental shift in the overall perspective taken throughout the entire change process to 'see' the wholeness of the human system (recognizing the best in people or the world around us; affirming past and present strengths, successes, and potentials, to perceive those things that give life (health, vitality, excellence) to living systems )and to "inquire" into that system's strengths, possibilities, and successes.

**MESSY CHURCH;** is an all-age fresh expression of church that offers counter-cultural transformation of family life through families coming together to be, to make, to eat and to celebrate God, often held monthly and not on Sunday mornings.

**NOTE for #5: Grants have been awarded** to Hillhurst UC for innovative engagement of contemplative arts and live streaming technology to share the sermon and worship environment online for people throughout Calgary and beyond.; to Robert McClure UC for farmers' market; to NW Conference for Online conversations to begin the learning network and community gathering.

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**My Personal Suggestion(s):** Here are new or renewed ideas I might suggest for the future mission of St. David's United Church (or my place of worship):

