

# Starting Point at



**MISSION CREEK**  
Alliance Church

welcome information



## Welcome »

Welcome to Mission Creek Alliance Church! We are so glad that you're here.

**Starting Point »** is a welcome orientation for you to learn more about MCAC, get connected, and take the next step in your journey with us.

## About Mission Creek Alliance Church »

Mission Creek Alliance Church began as Kelowna Alliance Church when a small group gathered for a prayer meeting on August 22, 1960. The church grew and we moved to our present day location in 1974. To review our complete church history, please view our detailed online webpage at [missioncreekalliance.com/about/our-history](http://missioncreekalliance.com/about/our-history). Today, we are an intergenerational community, young and old united in Christ, with a place of belonging for everyone.

At MCAC, we find life and meaning in the wholeness that Jesus offers us. It is only Jesus who can heal us, make us whole, grow us up, and restore us to the fullness of life we were designed to live and experience. We invite all people to experience this beautiful transformation for themselves.

## Our Vision »

Why do we, as a community, exist? It's an important question that every church must ask themselves. Yet, we need not look far for an answer. God's people exist for the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:36-39) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-19) – Love God, Love Others, Make Disciples. The question that often goes unanswered, however, is *how* will we live out this calling effectively in our unique place and time in history? At Mission Creek Alliance Church our answer to this important question comes through a simple focus.

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**Mission Creek Alliance Church has a simple focus:  
To *Encounter* Jesus, *Empower* People, and *Engage*  
Our City & Beyond.**

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### *Encounter Jesus*

We create environments and opportunities for people to encounter Jesus and experience his transforming love.

### *Empower People*

We take steps together to be empowered by the Holy Spirit to flourish as whole human beings.

### *Engage our City*

We are engaged with the people and needs of our city and beyond to make Jesus famous.



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While this simple focus of Encounter, Empower, Engage is the vision we live into, it is also our process for making disciples. In all we do, we desire to move people from an encounter with Jesus toward wholeness through the Holy Spirit's empowering, and ultimately to join God in his mission for our city and the world beyond. Our life together looks something like this:



### Our Driving Values »

As we move into this vision for our church we will hold fast to these guiding values. No matter what we do, we desire that the following values give shape to every aspect of our life and ministry as a local Body of Christ.

- **Prayer** – to root ourselves in God's love and will
- **Belonging** – to create a community where people are accepted and included
- **Authenticity** – to cultivate genuine, real, and honest people
- **God's Word** – to affirm God's authority in our lives through his Word to us – the Bible



## Next Step »

**What is your next step? Join an Empower Group.** The church is not a building. The church is a community of people. People who are actively participating in the life of God together. That means living out the Gospel of Jesus is never done alone. We invite you to step into the fullness of what it means to be God's people. Our vision is to see every person who calls Mission Creek Church their home to join in; to join in and participate in an Empower Group. ***These groups are a small community of people committed to living out the full life of the church together, growing in God and moving out in mission.***

## Join In »

### Empower Group Options

- Adults – Weekly Groups at various times.
- Women – Tuesday morning at 9:15 am (childcare provided) and Monday evening at 6:45 pm.
- Men – Wednesday morning at 7:00 am and Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm.
- Young Adults – Every second Tuesday at 7:00 pm at MCA
- Older Adults – A weekly bible study, Wednesday morning at 10:00 am.
- Pre-teen (Rooted) – Tuesdays at 6:30 pm. A place for pre-teens grade 5-7 to have fun, make new friends, and encounter truths about the Living God.
- Youth (Refined) – Thursdays at 7:00 pm. A time for students grade 8-12 to grow together, have fun together, and learn more about Jesus together.

### Serving Opportunities

- Worship & Music Teams – Share your gift of music by playing or singing on a music worship team.
- Tech, Sound, and Media – Serve with your technical, computer, or sound-board experience.
- Hospitality Teams – Teams that welcome and greet on a Sunday morning, and teams that prepare and make food in the kitchen for those in need.
- Care Team Ministry – Share the love and encouragement of Jesus with those in hospital and in care home facilities.
- Facility Team – keeping the building functioning and well-maintained, this group serves to keep our facility ready for ministry.
- Children & Youth – Encourage and support the next generation by serving with our children, pre-teens, or youth ministry. There is also room to serve and care for infants, toddlers, and pre-schoolers.
- Missions & Outreach – lead community engagement and groups that support overseas workers.
- Prayer – People meeting to pray for the church, emergency and crisis requests, and international workers abroad.



### *Other Ways to Get Involved*

- Oasis – Meeting every second month. Events of fun and fellowship for older age adults.
- Seamline – Using sewing skills to support international workers and overseas clothing needs in developing nations. Meeting once per month.
- Syrian Refugee committee – This group is involved with our Syrian sponsor family and seeks to work together to sponsor further refugees.
- Men's Floor Hockey – Sunday nights at 7pm in the gym.

### *Questions on where you can join in or serve?*

Please contact Pastor Cameron, [cameron@mcachurch.ca](mailto:cameron@mcachurch.ca)

Sign up for our e-bulletin. Check online for all the latest news and events, [www.mcachurch.ca](http://www.mcachurch.ca)

## Mission Creek Alliance Church Staff »

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## Mission Creek Alliance Directory »

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**address:** 2091 Springfield Rd, Kelowna, V1Y 7X1

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**hours:** Tuesday – Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm

### *Empower Groups*

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### *Men's Empower Group*

**contact:** Cameron Stutters

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### *Women's Empower Group*

A team of women lead these groups: Amy, Lynette, and Anita.

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**contact:** Anita Hardy (Monday PM)

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### *Adult Fellowship*

Events and hymn sing evenings for older adults

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### *Care Team Ministry*

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### *Worship & Music Teams*

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### *Tech, Sound, & Media*

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### *Refined (Youth Group)*

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### *Rooted (Pre-Teen)*

**contact:** Becca Mabbett

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### *Intercessory Prayer*

Praying for the city, the people of MCAC, and any prayer requests.

**contact:** Faye Cyr

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### *Emergency Prayer Chain*

**contact:** Addie Maehara

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### *Men's Floor Hockey*

Sundays at 7pm in the gym

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### *Seamline*

Sewing projects for local & overseas needs

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### *MCAC Board of Elders*

To contact the Board, please email

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## About The Christian & Missionary Alliance »

### *Our Family Roots*

Throughout its 100-plus year history, the C&MA has made Jesus its focus. Founder, Dr. A. B. Simpson, articulated the Christian life as being all about Jesus—our Savior, Sanctifier, Healer, and Coming King. This fourfold focus on Jesus Christ is the spiritual “DNA” of The Christian and Missionary Alliance.

One of Simpson’s life verses speaks of: “Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Colossians 1:27). This fourfold focus points to the fact that as we experience Jesus in these ways (Saviour, Sanctifier, Healer, Coming King), we will experience this “hope of glory”.

As a church family, we want to encounter Jesus, the risen Christ, personally and corporately, in the fullness of his work within us. The following is a brief explanation of the key ways we have come to begin to experience Jesus by the work of his Spirit to the glory of the Father:



**Saviour** The cross stands for salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.  
*"...God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."  
 ~ John 3:16*

**Sanctifier** The laver represents sanctification, that daily cleansing from sin by the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit.  
*"May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it." ~ I Thessalonians 5:23, 24*

**Healer** The pitcher speaks of oil for divine life and physical healing that come through obedience to God's Word.  
*"Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted...and by his wounds, we are healed." ~ Isaiah 53:4, 5b*

**Coming King** The crown symbolizes the return of our Lord Jesus Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords.  
*"This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." ~ Acts 1:11*



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## C&MA Statement of Faith »

### *What We Believe*

#### **God**

There is one God,<sup>1</sup> who is infinitely perfect,<sup>2</sup> existing eternally in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.<sup>3</sup>

#### **Jesus**

Jesus Christ is true God and true man.<sup>4</sup> He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.<sup>5</sup> He died upon the cross, the Just for the unjust, as a substitutionary sacrifice, and all who believe in Him are justified on the ground of His shed blood. He arose from the dead according to the Scriptures.<sup>6</sup> He is now at the right hand of the Majesty on high as our great High Priest.<sup>7</sup> He will come again to establish His kingdom of righteousness and peace.<sup>8</sup>

#### **Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit is a divine Person, sent to indwell,<sup>9</sup> guide, teach and empower the believer, and to convince the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment.<sup>10</sup>

#### **Bible**

The Old and New Testaments, inerrant as originally given, were verbally inspired by God and are a complete revelation of His will for the salvation of people. They constitute the divine and only rule of Christian faith and practice.<sup>11</sup>

#### **Sin**

Humankind, originally created in the image and likeness of God,<sup>12</sup> fell through disobedience, incurring thereby both physical and spiritual death. All people are born with a sinful nature, are separated from the life of God, and can be saved only through the atoning work of the Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>13</sup> The destiny of the impenitent and unbelieving is existence forever in conscious torment, but that of the believer is everlasting joy and bliss.<sup>14</sup>

#### **Freedom from Sin**

Salvation has been provided only through Jesus Christ. Those who repent and believe in Him are united with Christ through the Holy Spirit and are thereby regenerated (born again), justified, sanctified and granted the gift of eternal life as adopted children of God.<sup>15</sup>

#### **Christian Living**

It is the will of God that in union with Christ each believer should be sanctified thoroughly<sup>16</sup> thereby being separated from sin and the world and fully dedicated to God, receiving power for holy living and sacrificial and effective service toward the completion of Christ's commission.<sup>17</sup>

This is accomplished through being filled with the Holy Spirit which is both a distinct event and progressive experience in the life of the believer.<sup>18</sup>



## Healing

Provision is made in the redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ for the healing of the mortal body. Prayer for the sick and anointing with oil as taught in the Scriptures are privileges for the Church in this present age.<sup>19</sup>

## Church

The universal Church, of which Christ is the Head, consists of all those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, are redeemed through His blood, regenerated by the Holy Spirit, and commissioned by Christ to go into all the world as a witness, preaching the Gospel to all nations.<sup>20</sup>

The local church, the visible expression of the universal Church, is a body of believers in Christ who are joined together to worship God, to observe the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, to pray, to be edified through the Word of God, to fellowship, and to testify in word and deed to the good news of salvation both locally and globally. The local church enters into relationships with other like-minded churches for accountability, encouragement and mission.<sup>21</sup>

## Life after Death

There shall be a bodily resurrection of the just and of the unjust; for the former, a resurrection unto life;<sup>22</sup> for the latter, a resurrection unto judgment.<sup>23</sup>

## Second Coming of Christ

The second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is imminent and will be personal and visible.<sup>24</sup> As the believer's blessed hope, this vital truth is an incentive for holy living and sacrificial service toward the completion of Christ's commission.<sup>25</sup>

1- Isa. 44:6; 45:5-6

2 - Matt. 5:48; Deut. 32:4

3- Matt. 3:16-17; 28:19

4- Phil. 2:6-11; Heb. 2:14-18; Col. 2:9

5 - Matt. 1:18; Luke 1:35

6 - 1 Cor. 15:3-5; 1 John 2:2; Acts 13:39

7 - Heb. 4:14-15; 9:24-28

8 - Matt. 25:31-34; Acts 1:11

9 - John 14:16-17

10 - John 16:7-11; 1 Cor. 2:10-12

11 - 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21

12 - Gen. 1:27

13 - Rom. 8:8; 1 John 2:2

14 - Matt. 25:41-46; 2 Thes. 1:7-10

15 - Titus 3:5-7; Acts 2:38; John 1:12; 1 Cor. 6:11

16 - 1 Thes. 5:23

17 - Acts 1:8

18 - Rom. 12:1-2; Gal. 5:16-25

19 - Matt. 8:16-17; James 5:13-16

20 - Eph. 3:6-12; 1:22-23

21 - Acts 2:41-47; Heb. 10:25; Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 1:8, 11:19-30; 15

22 - 1 Cor. 15:20-23

23 - 2 Thes. 1:7-10

24 - 1 Thes. 4:13-17

25 - 1 Cor. 1:7; Titus 2:11-14; Matt. 24:14; 28:18-20

