

Beyond100

Preparing a people and place for tomorrow.

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The journey ahead

The Lord has blessed The Met in incredible ways throughout its first century of ministry.

We've seen His faithfulness – generation after generation – and we believe He has much more in store for the generations to come.

We long to see more disciples of Jesus making disciples: in our church and in our nation's capital – for our nation and for the nations of the world.

That's why we're beginning an intentional journey to **prepare a people and a place for tomorrow** – so that the Word that the Lord has for us to proclaim as disciples making disciples can flourish, all to God's glory.



The *first* 100

From a small prayer meeting in a Bank Street shoe store in 1931 to a thriving church family of thousands today, The Met has stood for nearly 100 years as a gospel witness in Ottawa. The Met has faithfully preached the Word, reaching many with the gospel's life-giving message.

God has been faithful.

From a few gathered in prayer to thousands gathered in purpose.

Lives changed. Families discipled. Generation after generation.

Our mission is to glorify God by making disciples of Jesus Christ, together engaging people with the gospel, establishing believers in the gospel, and equipping servants of the gospel.





The Met by the *numbers*

The Met is one of only a few churches in Canada with a weekly attendance of over 2,200 and a conservative, evangelical, expository Bible-teaching ministry.

Every week, we reach thousands in our nation's capital, our nation, and the world. We minister to 800 children and youth through our Sunday school and week-day programs. More than 500 participate in our youth and young adults programs. We celebrate many baptisms and expect to welcome close to 100 new members this year. Men and women are growing in their faith and knowledge of the Word through our Adult Bible Studies. We are helping to raise up and equip the next generation of ministry leaders with our internship program. We also support 60 missionaries in 35 countries around the world, training them to share the gospel with unreached people groups.

And yet, as we look at all God has done, we know there are more people to reach. More disciples to make. More opportunities to be faithful.



The *moment* we're in

While many voices describe our cultural moment as one of moral decline or spiritual crisis, we also sense a turning point with a significant gospel opportunity.

Across Canada, unbelievers are showing an increased interest in spirituality and an “inexplicable openness and curiosity” towards faith.

That matches with what we are seeing firsthand at The Met. Since 2023, God has expanded our ministry, drawing many newcomers to Sunday services. Membership has increased to new levels, and most mid-week ministries are growing significantly.

God is at work.

And we want to be prepared for what's next.



Ready to *respond*

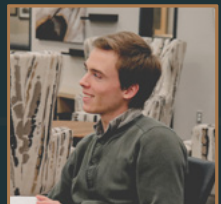
It may be that the Lord returns soon. But even if He tarries, a hundred years from now, most of us will no longer be here. Either way, we want to be found faithful – building today in light of tomorrow. Our faithfulness now lays a foundation for gospel impact that will outlive us and echo into eternity.

In our desire to make disciples (who make disciples) of Jesus Christ, we want to be ready to respond to the growing spiritual hunger we are witnessing:

- In our nation's capital, where The Met is uniquely positioned to serve a growing and diverse population – including unsaved friends, family, and colleagues as well as those in positions of government influence who haven't heard or embraced the gospel
- In our nation, where The Met can help equip, train, and support a new generation of gospel-centred leaders
- In the nations of the world, where The Met can be a part of serving unreached people groups through a robust missions focus

As we faithfully consider our future as a church, we need to think about more than our own immediate needs for the next month, the next year, and the next decade.

We need to think beyond our lifetime.





Preparing a *People and Place* for tomorrow

If we're thinking beyond our lifetime, what does faithfulness look like today?

We believe it looks like making a purposeful, prayerful commitment to **prepare a people and a place for tomorrow.**

To sustain and nurture a growing congregation, to engage with newcomers needing God's truth, to welcome new families through child and youth ministries, to help people respond to God in worship.

We envision an expanded Met campus where:

- Every person easily finds a parking spot, a seat, and a warm welcome
- Every family can bring their children for safe, gospel-centered care and learning
- Every individual – regardless of ability – can navigate and participate through thoughtfully designed accessible spaces
- Every newcomer can connect in purpose-fit, welcoming environment
- Every believer is equipped to grow, serve, and disciple others

Investing in the Beyond 100 vision will enable us to develop the space that reflects our mission and the ministry the Lord is giving us – welcoming more people, supporting ministry growth, and equipping them to be sent into the harvest.

Preparing *a People*

As we work together to engage, establish, and equip those whom God is bringing into our church family, we do so with humble and expectant hearts, prepared for sacrificial generosity as we deeply depend on Him.

We remember Jesus' call to go into all the world and make disciples, and we sense again the urgency of His gospel call.

In response, we are focused on three priorities for preparing as a people:

- Preparing for God's mission by cultivating the heart-posture and spiritual readiness to accomplish God's mission for our church
- Preparing as disciple-makers by helping our church family grow in their ability to make disciples who go on to make more disciples
- Equipping staff and volunteers in their ability to lead, train, and multiply





Preparing *a Place*

As our church family continues to grow, we want to prepare a place that reflects the mission God has entrusted to us. In God's power, may we do the Kingdom work of making disciples for generations to come.

We believe this will take shape in stages, beginning with a focused and tangible first step: the purchase of 31 Auriga – a 30,000 square foot property directly adjacent to our current campus. While we work through this purchase, we can also begin deeper consideration around the long-term potential of The Met's campus.

Stage 1:

Securing 31 Auriga & Planning for the Future

Goal: \$8 Million in pledges and gifts by June 2026

We believe 31 Auriga opens up long-term potential for ministry expansion at The Met – while also meeting immediate space needs. As our Met ministries continue to grow, the use of this building can grow alongside them.

Here's how the \$8 million raised will be used:

- \$7 million will be allocated for the purchase of 31 Auriga, with possession planned for June 2026.
- \$1 million will fund a series of essential studies and for starting work on developing an overall site plan for our expanded campus.

Preparing *a Place*

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Building on the work already done in our initial Needs Analysis process, this planning stage will involve several essential areas of study and preparation to ensure we move forward with clarity and care. For example:

- **Detailed facility needs assessment**
Evaluating current and future space requirements for worship, children's ministry, classrooms, offices, and hospitality.
- **Options analysis**
Exploring how both 2176 Prince of Wales and 31 Auriga can function together to support long-term ministry growth.
- **Cost-benefit analysis**
Comparing various renovation and construction scenarios to ensure thoughtful, strategic investment.
- **Architectural pre-design work**
Beginning space planning, conceptual layouts, and technical pre-designs to guide decision-making.
- **Geotechnical, environmental & traffic studies**
Completing due diligence with environmental reviews, and traffic/parking flow assessments.
- **Accessibility review**
Ensuring all future plans meet or exceed AODA standards and reflect a commitment to full accessibility.

In addition, this stage of the campaign will include meaningful **congregational engagement** – inviting input and prayerful reflection from the church family to ensure that future plans reflect our shared mission and ministry priorities.



Why 31 Auriga?

The opportunity to acquire 31 Auriga is more than a practical solution with room to grow. It gives us flexibility to adapt as ministry needs evolve. And it positions us to steward future growth with wisdom and purpose, one step at a time.

When 31 Auriga became available for purchase, we saw the Lord's provision.

This property allows us to:

- Protect and expand parking for peak Sunday service times*
- Relocate office space, freeing up more space in the main facility
- Create room for more children's classrooms, meeting rooms, and future flexibility
- Take a critical first step toward accommodating long-term growth, while wisely assessing next steps

*One of the most pressing barriers to welcoming new families and visitors to The Met has been **parking availability**. Previous studies made it clear: expanding our current facility without access to additional land would not allow for sufficient parking per person in attendance – leaving us with a larger building, but no practical way to welcome more people.

What Comes Next?

If this first stage of planning confirms that further development is wise and feasible, we will prayerfully move into a second stage focused on future expansion. As outlined in our 2024 Needs Assessment Analysis, areas of investment could include:

- Expanding our worship space
- Adding hospitality and gathering spaces
- Increasing the size of our children's ministry space
- Parking and traffic flow improvements
- Full accessibility throughout the campus





Why give?

With all this focus on practical facility requirements, we must remember that, at its core, Beyond 100 is not about more parking, more Sunday school spaces, or a new fellowship spaces.

Beyond 100 is about the real men, women, and children who step through The Met's doors – some for the very first time – leaving behind the world's chaos in search of Jesus Christ and the hope He offers in this life and for eternity.

When many disciples are fully aligned in purpose, working together toward a shared mission, great things are possible in God's Kingdom. If we prepare now, we will be ready to engage, establish, and equip individuals who will become tomorrow's disciples – for the next 100 years of The Met's ministry.

We want to be a generation that declares God's mighty acts to another - for a future that only God can see.



Discerning your *giving*

As you prayerfully consider your part, here's how you can engage:

1. Pray

Seek the Lord's guidance for your role in this mission

2. Reflect

Together with your family, consider what sacrificial giving might look like for you

3. Commit

Make your pledge using the Beyond 100 Pledge Card or online at metbiblechurch.ca/beyond-100

4. Give

Submit your gift or pledge via offering, mail, or secure online giving

Let's step forward in faith – each of us giving differently, but all sacrificing together.



*Scan this QR code
for more information.*



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Even when we first considered a move to 2176 Prince of Wales, we knew it would be about **more than a building**. It's about building up people – men, women, and children whose lives will be changed by the gospel – here in our nation's capital, in our nation, and in the nations all around the world. Because we want to be a generation that declares God's mighty acts to another – and leaves a legacy of faith that lasts forever.

Thank you for prayerfully considering your part in God's continuing work.

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