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The Mission of Envision is to:

- build authentic community by:
- proclaiming the gospel
- and making disciples of Jesus Christ
- within the downtown culture of Bellingham
- as a church missionary effort working in conjunction with local churches.

(Goals/Values and Budget Report Available Upon Request)

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Vision 2017

So what is the vision for 2017? Well, it depends upon the outcome of our experiment to some extent. We don't know that we could go back to the way things were before if the experiment doesn't work, but if it does here's what we're praying for: **the development of a house church movement launched by Envision Mission.** What does that mean?

- 1- For the Senti house church it means we would probably **multiply**, which may already be happening since a smaller group has started meeting at the Gray's house.
- 2- In that case, we would invite new folks into the Senti house church and pray that the Gray's house church would then **multiply** also.
- 3- For the Lincoln Square house church we pray that it **could expand** and even **utilize more of the gifts** of those who live there.
- 4- While we see potential for the Sunday night Study to turn into a house church eventually, for this year let's just pray that it **remains strong**.
- 5- Also, for the street church idea connected with Rising Hope on Tuesday nights, let's pray for **the beginning of a worship and Jesus study** to begin there.
- 6- We'd like to expand the hours for some of our **Stephen Servants** so they can take on more responsibilities and **grow in leadership**, including a potential internship in the summer for Morgan West and the development of Rising Hope Ministries towards its own vision with Jon Ng, etc.
- 7- Once we establish these house churches well with solid leadership, we hope to **reintroduce Open Mic** as an outreach with more of a shared leadership flavor.

We want to thank 2 Linda's for their long time service with us:

Linda Hammings (pictured left when she began as a barista in 2006) has served with us for **10 years** first as a volunteer, then as a paid staff barista and a missionary sent by 3rd Church in Lynden. She then became a deacon for us and will remain so, but not as a staff member anymore. She has worked so hard in so many ways it is difficult to quantify, yet for the purpose of this newsletter let it suffice for us to write that she has been part of the backbone of our ministry; lending support to the Senti's personally, meeting one on one with countless ladies, helping people to budget, leading the Ladies meeting, coordinating meals, hosting groups as they entered our events,



helping with Open Mic, joining us at times for street nights, leading the Jesus Studies, attending and leading at house churches and Jesus Gatherings weekly, helping set vision, make decisions, inviting us into her adventures to China and smuggling Bibles, helping at fundraisers, visiting

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“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”
Ephesians 3:20-21

We appreciate your generosity so much! (Mitchell doesn't see how much each of you gives, but he sees who gives.)

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the sick, wrestling in prayer with us, go way beyond her own capacity in hospitality, deliverance ministry and also fun things like get-togethers, and being **one of our dearest and best friends** always and ever! If you've noted her work also with Envision let her know when you get a chance, as it is written, give honor where honor is due. We thank God for her heartily!

And for Linda McConnaughey we give a special thank you for **8 years** of service as our administrative assistant. She was there early on as the coffeehouse ministry was developing, booking music groups, setting up files, filing donations, expediting newsletters, sending thank you's, helping with fundraisers, writing letters, Scripture calendars, editing, taking calls, printing files, taking care of countless administrative tasks in the office such as end of year statements, training folks in basic office skills, helping with design for bulletins, signage, managing computer programs, equipment, writing grants, and even helping with mercy ministry at times above and beyond her call of duty. She also gave some excellent advice to Mitchell on administrative decisions that greatly benefited Envision- thank God for her! **We can't thank her enough** or fully recognize all she's done, so for both Linda's they will have to receive their full reward for their labors on that Day of the LORD where the saints will be rewarded.

Keep them in prayer for their next season and also pray for those who will be taking their responsibilities.

We're taking **on two new Stephen Servants named Morgan and Nick Potter**. Morgan is Tim Potter's wife and Nick is his brother. They are already doing mercy ministry and administrative work so it made the most sense to bring them on in order to help take on the responsibilities that Linda McConnaughey left behind. Morgan will be on 1/8th time for administration and Nick will share the other 1/8th time with her and also add an 1/8th time for mercy ministry. He was recently baptized so we're excited to see him growing in his potential for leadership in the future as well.

Here's a short blurb from Jon Ng's desk with Rising Hope Ministry- our new street night ministry leader:

“This year, we had the privilege of hosting North Cascades YWAM team for their missions portion of their DTS. For the past few months, we have been meeting at The Majestic building in downtown Bellingham Tuesday nights...During this 3.5 month journey, we had a chance to make relationships downtown with some of the homeless, some that will continue even past this class as some of the DTS students have them added on Facebook! **A man named Chuck was led to Christ** a couple weeks ago, when he realized what he needed was Jesus and how the times he heard His voice and followed His word were some of the best times of his life, and it was that night when we prayed with him that he committed his life to the Lord. I am happy to let you all know that **Chuck has been admitted to rehab and will finally get off the streets** and into the help that he needs! Praise God!”
(YWAM group pictured right)



Here is our weekly schedule:

Tuesday: Street night from 5:00-8:15pm starts at Majestic. (1027 North Forest)

Wednesday: House church at Lincoln Square at 3:00pm.

Thursday: Men's group at Tim P's at 6:00pm- contact us for directions.

Friday: Ladies meeting at Flat Iron Woods (10 Prospect) at 12:30pm;

Prayer at Prayer Center from 3:00-5:00pm.

Saturday: House church at the Senti's at 9:30am (2nd Sat at Gray's)

Sunday: The Jesus Gathering meets at Hope in Christ from 4:30pm-6:30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Jesus Study at 5:00pm on other Sundays at the Majestic.