

GUIDE TO DEVELOPING THE VISION FOR A LOCAL CHURCH

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1. **A Worshipping Church** - to be a congregation of believers, gathered together in Christ, in one accord, **to worship God** the Father in Spirit and in Truth, *Jn 4:23,24*.
2. **An Evangelising Church** - to be a congregation of believers **reaching out** to the lost, to share Christ with them and seeking to draw them into a living relationship with Him, *Mk 16:15-18, Lk 19:10, Mat 9:9-13, Ac 20:24, Ac 22:14,15*.
3. **A Fellowshiping Church** - to be a congregation of believers, **fellowshipping** and sharing Christ together, growing up in Him by discovering their God-given gifts and abilities, using them to build up Christ's church, *Ac 2:42, Eph 4:15, 1Pet 4:10*.
4. **A Discipling Church** – together being **discipled** as obedient followers of Christ in all holiness of life through the teaching of God's Word, *Mat 28:19, 2Tim 4:1-8*.
5. **A Caring Church** – as a church reaching out to the **poor and needy** of society to bring healing, compassion, provision and care, *Mat 25:35-40, Lk 10:25-37*.
6. **A Part of the wider Body of Christ** – to be joined in prayer gatherings, celebration events, combined outreach and fellowship **with other Christian congregations. The various local congregations of the whole Body of Christ**, will have distinctive features that fit together to fully reveal Christ to the whole town, *1Cor 1:2, 2Cor 1:1, 1Thes 1:1*.
7. **Working with the “Secular” ministers of God to bring wholeness to society.** The whole Body of Christ in Wellsford, **relating to the “secular” authorities of the town**, acknowledging them as the “ministers of God,” also, *Rom 13:1-7*, and seeking to support them to bring the full blessings of the Kingdom of God to every level and aspect of Society. *Mat 5:13-16, Gal 6:10*.

Note: These are general points to consider when the leader and oversight are praying and seeking God for the initial and ongoing vision for their local church assembly.