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Calgary City Soul

Phase 1: An Inventory of Physical Worship Space in Calgary's City Centre

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Background

With the Calgary Foundation's [2009 Vital Signs](#) report came good news of a city becoming a better, safer place to live. Planning is a big part of seeing ongoing growth and vitality. With the City of Calgary's [Centre City Plan](#), a roadmap for a vibrant core was laid out. Yet a critical piece was absent—faith communities.

If as many as 40,000 new residents move into the centre city, what are the consequences of this on the capacity of faith communities—both in terms of brick-and-mortar space as well as program delivery? If city living is intended to meet the wide range of its residents' needs, is not spiritual nourishment a priority? If the plan makes no reference to the need for continued growth of the faith institutions in the Centre City, what will flourishing in the future be like?

This project is the first phase of a multi-phase undertaking. We have conducted an audit of the physical infrastructure that supports the work of faith communities in the Calgary city center, with a view to catalyzing discussions with stakeholders regarding how this relates to the vision outlined in *Vital Signs*. All of this aims to ensure that the positive contribution of faith and faith communities is encouraged as part of Calgary's flourishing future.

The first stage of Cardus' Calgary City Soul project begins with an examination of physical faith community buildings (churches, mosques, temples, etc). One of the critical initial steps is to establish the present reality—where are we working from and how is it functioning? The aim of the examination is to look at the practical, physical contributions and limits of this infrastructure; to determine seats available in each institution; to look at parking supply and usage; to audit the presence and types of auxiliary space which the local congregation or community uses for a wide range of projects; and more.

We understand that although physical spaces are important, they are not necessarily definitive for faith communities. In addition to the many programs outlined, there is a network of non-profit agencies vitally linked to some of these faith communities which have their own stories of contribution to the city. Still, every journey begins with a first step. Documenting the physical spaces in the city core provides a starting point for conversations which are necessary for achieving the flourishing outlined in Calgary's vision.

Cardus is a think-tank dedicated to the renewal of North America's social architecture. Realizing that this decade marks the first time in history where a majority of the world's people live in cities, Cardus is at work discerning the complexity and diversity of our urban social spaces, and proposing designs for tomorrow's cities hinged on adaption, integration and functional pluralism. In 2005, Cardus produced [*Living on the Streets*](#) report on the role of the institutional Christian church in broad projects of urban revitalization in a mid-size industrial town: Hamilton (Ontario, Canada). We have also published an investigative report, [*Toronto The Good*](#), on the intersections of religious institutions more generally and the policy program for municipal renewal of a global city as reflected in the Official Plan of the City of Toronto. These city-specific studies have been supplemented by a series of events as well as the publication of [*Think Different – Urban Religious Communities: Problem Solvers or Trouble Makers?*](#)

Cardus intends to follow this study with a process of Calgary engagement and consultation in which the questions raised by this study are given broader consideration.

Overview

The Role of Physical Worship Space in Calgary's City Centre

Within the boundaries of Calgary's City Centre, there are some 25 spaces devoted to worship, ranging from historic Christian churches, to a Buddhist Monastery, to spaces provided for Muslim Friday prayers. These spaces are in some cases used by multiple religious communities, and they provide a significant safety net for the homeless, for the poor, for people with disabilities, for new immigrants.

In addition, they are networked together with each other, and with governments, non-profits, and businesses to provide a vast range of social services. Together, the religious communities in the downtown core are responsible for a remarkable amount of social capital in volunteer time and energies, donations, and material resources to make life in the downtown better for the underclass. In addition, religious communities offer a wide range of services which aren't specifically religious, nor necessarily aimed at the poor, but contribute to the arts, the physical fitness, language learning, job search and skills of a range of downtown Calgarians.

All of this deserves the attention and respect of City and Provincial government politicians, policy makers and service providers. Religious communities have a long history of making an enormous contribution to the spiritual and social infrastructure of Calgary, and thus they deserve to be at the table and considered strategic partners in shaping the future of Calgary.

To put it another way...if there was no Mustard Seed, no Salvation Army, no Inn from the Cold, no Calgary Urban Project Society (CUPS), no Neighbourlink, no FaithLink, no AA, NA, and other groups using religious spaces in downtown Calgary, the city core would be a very different place. To overlook this is to be blind to the enormous value and future potential of religious space, the role of religious communities, and the contribution of religious people to the welfare of the city. One short-sighted current city alderman commented recently to a downtown pastor that churches are not on the radar because they don't contribute financially to the city. By shouldering much of the burden of social services in the core, the religious communities in downtown do in fact contribute significantly more than just dollars to the city of Calgary.

In fact, Calgary's historic churches played a significant role in the establishment of the city, and date back to the late 1800's when Calgary was moving from a fort to a community. St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church was built in 1883 in East Calgary and was later moved and renamed Our Lady of Peace, and finally St. Mary's Cathedral. Knox United Church (originally Knox Presbyterian) was built in 1883, Cathedral Church of the Redeemer by the Anglicans in 1884, and Trinity Lutheran Church in 1889.

Today, while these historic buildings remain with active congregations, other worship spaces have been added to reflect the religious and ethnic diversity of Calgary's downtown core. There are now worship spaces for older and newer immigrant communities to the city, including ones for French people, Hungarians, Ethiopians and Eritreans, Vietnamese, Hispanic, Chinese, and other Asians.

In addition to providing spaces for worship, these congregations and communities provide a vast range of services to the wider community, including language instruction, chaplaincy, food and clothing banks, addiction recovery groups, work with the homeless, unemployed, unwed mothers, HIV patients, temporary housing, and social assistance. These worship spaces are also used for music concerts, performing arts, prayers, marriage counseling, childcare, and other critical ministries to serve the diverse needs of Calgarians who live or work in, or who visit the downtown core.

As the make-up of Calgary's downtown residential population changes, so too will the worship spaces to reflect those changes. An increase in the immigrant populations in downtown Calgary will mean there will likely be more worship spaces reflecting those new immigrant communities. Some of those communities will meet in existing worship spaces, while others will require and seek to establish new spaces of their own. In addition, the boom in condominium residences in downtown Calgary will bring populations previously served by suburban worship spaces, who will seek to find worship spaces within walking or easy transit distance in the downtown core.

The already vibrant and busy worship spaces in downtown Calgary will experience increased pressures to provide resources to meet the spiritual, physical, emotional and social needs of downtown Calgarians. These religious communities are already providing significant resources in cooperation with non-profits, other social agencies, and governments to leverage services to a very diverse downtown. As the population of the downtown increases both in number and diversity, an increase in worship space will enable those kinds of services to continue.

What follows is an audit of known worship spaces, and there are doubtless more informal ones, within Calgary's City Centre defined boundaries.

They are presented here in alphabetical order.

Avatamsaka Monastery

Address	1009 – 4 th Avenue S.W. Calgary, Alberta T2P 0K8
Contact	(403)234-0644
Website	www.avatamsaka.ca
Key Contact	For privacy reasons, the Monastery does not release names.
Denomination/Affiliation	Dharma Realm Buddhist Association – Mahayana Buddhism
Size of space – square feet for worship <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Additional space- Parking space	<p>The current facility has 21,000 sq. feet of floor space on two floors. It consists of a hall, a library, reception area and offices on the main floor, a kitchen, dining hall, nun’s quarters, one class room and a workshop in the basement. A small house next door is used for the Sunday School</p> <p>The structure will undergo a major expansion to accommodate more activities and people. Three more floors will be added to the building. The main floor will have a full time day school, which will be Canada’s first Buddhist school. There will be a large main lobby. The second floor will be the dining hall which can be converted into an auditorium. The third floor will have different rooms for various uses including a meditation hall, living quarters, and memorial halls for both the living and the deceased.</p> <p>The top floor will be the Great Buddha Hall, which will provide space for more than 600 devotees to practice together at one time. The hall will house three large bronze statues of the Buddha,</p>
Primary activities	The monastery is home to a small community of nuns.

	<p>Buddhist services are conducted for member of the Buddhist community on Sundays.</p> <p>Other activities include meditation classes during the week, Chinese Mandarin language instruction classes, Tai Chi classes, community meals, and other ceremonies.</p>
<p>Community demographics – number of people served and demographic make-up</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Community services</p>	<p>Tai Chi classes</p> <p>Meditation classes</p>
<p>Community partnerships</p>	<p>The monastery is in partnership with the other Canadian Dharma Realm Buddhist Association monastery in Vancouver. The head office of the Dharma Realm Buddha Association is in the US. www.drba.org</p>
<p>History – age of building</p>	<p>The monastery moved into the current building in 1996. The plans for the major expansion and addition of three floors to the monastery are pending while the community raises the necessary funds for the project.</p>

Calgary Chinese Pentecostal Church

Address	127 – 2 nd Avenue SE Calgary, Alberta T2G 0B2
Contact	Tel: (403)263-6059 Fax: (403)261-8684 calgarycpc@gmail.com
Website	http://www.ccpc.ab.ca/doku.php
Key Contact	Reverend Stephen Laing 19thdragoons@gmail.com (403)263-6059
Denomination/Affiliation	Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada (PAOC)
Size of space – square feet for worship	The main sanctuary space can seat 350, and the secondary sanctuary space can seat 175.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional space - Parking space 	In addition, the church has classrooms, offices, a basement common room, and a full kitchen. The church has 12 parking stalls.
Primary activities	The Calgary Chinese Pentecostal Church holds services for different congregations, one for a Cantonese congregation, and one for a Mandarin congregation, and there is a worship service in English as well.
Community demographics – number of people served and demographic make-up	There is a Saturday worship service at the church for Mandarin speaking people, and there are about 40 who attend that service regularly. On Sunday, there is an average of 110 at the Cantonese worship service, and an average of 80 at the English worship service.

<p>Community services</p>	<p>During the week, there are ESL classes attended by 130 people on Saturday mornings, and 45 people who meet in house groups during the week.</p> <p>There is a choir practice for the Church choir.</p>
<p>Community partnerships</p>	<p>The church cooperates with other Chinese churches in Chinatown to assist with services to new Chinese immigrants, to provide ESL classes, and to provide meals, clothes, and other community services.</p> <p>The Church is a member of the Calgary Chinese Evangelical Ministerial Association, and works on joint initiatives with this agency.</p>
<p>History – age of building</p>	<p>The Chinese Pentecostal church celebrated its 50th anniversary as a congregation this year, 2010. The building it meets in is 35 years old.</p>

Calgary Full Gospel Church

Name of Worship Space	Calgary Full Gospel Church
Address	917-14 th Avenue S.W. Calgary, Alberta T2R 0N8
Contact	(403)244-2948 office@calgaryfullgospel.com
Website	http://www.calgaryfullgospel.com/
Key Contact	Doctor Len Zoetman
Denomination/Affiliation	Apostolic Church of Pentecost (ACOP)
Size of space – square feet for worship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional space - Parking space 	In the sanctuary, there is a main floor which seats 400, and a balcony which holds another 100 people. There is a Fellowship Hall which seats 96, and there are offices. The church has 56 stalls of its own parking available, and on Sundays, it rents space in the underground parking of nearby Mount Royal Village.
Primary activities	In addition to Sunday worship services, the church provides ministries throughout the week to children, teens, youth, seniors. There are also two prayer meetings in the church per week.
Community demographics – number of people served and demographic make-up	The congregation is primarily Caucasian with a mix of new immigrants. For example, there is a Filipino Bible Study held at the church, and the Filipino community has its own social events. On Sundays, there are three worship services, a 9:00 am service with 120 in attendance, the 11:00 am service with

	300 in attendance, and a Sunday evening service at 6:00 pm with another 120 in attendance.
Community services	The church is supports the Mustard Seed, NeighbourLink, and Calgary Pregnancy Care with monthly financial donations.
Community partnerships	None
History – age of building	The Church was built in 1935, and has had several additions and renovations.

Calvin Hungarian Presbyterian Church

Address	101 – 14 th Avenue SW Calgary, Alberta T2R 0L8
Contact	Phone: (403)262-4122 Fax: (647)367- 4700 E-mail: kmre.calgary@gmail.com
Website	http://kmre.parokia.net
Key Contact	Reverend Gödöllei Károly
Denomination/Affiliation	Presbyterian Church in Canada
Size of space – square feet for worship	The sanctuary holds 150 people. Additional space includes a dining hall with a stage. The dining hall can seat 200. There are a few classrooms, a kitchen, and an office. There is no parking available other than on nearby streets.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional space - Parking space 	
Primary activities	The main activity for this church is a Hungarian worship service on Sunday mornings at 11:00 am.
Community demographics – number of people served and demographic make-up	The congregation is entirely Hungarian. There are about 50 people in attendance on Sundays, mostly older Hungarians, and a few young families with children.
Community services	The community has Bible Studies during the week, Hungarian language school, and occasionally, theatre presentations.
Community partnerships	None
History – age of building	The congregation dates back to 1930, and its original building on the current site was destroyed by a fire in 1964. The present

church was built in 1967 on the same site.

Central United Church	
Address	131 – 7 th Avenue SW Calgary, Alberta T2P 0W5
Contact	(403)269-3701
Website	www.centralchurch.ca
Key Contact	Reverend Michael Ward mward@centralchurch.ca Ext. 25
Denomination/Affiliation	United Church of Canada
Size of space – square feet for worship	Main sanctuary seats 850 people. Additional space includes offices, classrooms, a gym, a dining room.
- Additional space	room.
- Parking space	There is no parking.
Primary activities and community services	2 worship services each Sunday Recovery ministries for alcoholics, drug addicts, abuse survivors etc. There are 11 Recovery Programs in total: <i>Abortion Recovery</i> <i>Al-Anon Meetings</i> <i>Alcoholics Anonymous</i> <i>Celebrate Life Recovery Service</i> <i>Cocaine Anonymous (CA)</i> <i>Codependents Anonymous (CoDA)</i> <i>Depression Anonymous</i> <i>Inn From The Cold Society</i> <i>Narcotics Anonymous</i> <i>Recovery Counseling</i> <i>Relapse Prevention Group</i>

	<p>Fridays the dining room is used by the Muslim community for Friday prayers</p> <p>Lunch hour programs each day for downtown workers</p> <p>ESL classes for new immigrants</p>
Community demographics – number of people served and demographic make-up	<p>Sunday morning worship is attended by 200-250 mostly Caucasian older people who commute into the downtown from the suburbs.</p> <p>Sunday evening worship is attended by 250-300 people from the downtown core who are in recovery programs</p> <p>Throughout the week, there are at least 100 people per day who come in and out of the church for a range of activities.</p>
Community partnerships	<p>Central was one of the churches which partnered to form C.U.P.S. (Calgary Urban Project Society) which now handles some 20,000 cases per year of socially marginalized people in the downtown core.</p> <p>Central is one of 50 churches in Calgary which are part of the Inn From the Cold program to house homeless people.</p> <p>Central has partnered with Woods Homes Exit Community Youth Outreach Program which is housed in Central’s historic building at 117 – 7th Avenue SW.</p> <p>Central’s gymnasium is used by a school W.H.Cushing Workplace school across the street for gym classes.</p>
History – age of building	<p>The building was built in 1904. The church “mothered” seven new churches from 1905-1910, and has been a pioneer in</p>

recovery ministries to downtown people since the 1960's and a leader in forming community partnerships to minister to the needy, and fortify the social fabric of downtown Calgary.

Cathedral Church of the Redeemer

Address	604 – 1st Street SE Calgary, AB T2G 5H8
Contact	(403)269-1905 Email: office@anglicancathedralcalgary.ca
Website	www.anglicancathedralcalgary.ca
Key Contact(s)	Right Reverend Derek Hoskin, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Calgary Reverend Leighton Lee, Rector
Denomination/Affiliation	Anglican Church of Canada
Size of space – square feet for worship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional space - Parking space 	The Cathedral’s main sanctuary is 10,000 square feet, and holds 650 people. There are only a few small office spaces within the Cathedral itself. The bulk of the additional church space is next door in a separate building called Carter Place which houses the Parish Hall, main offices, choir room and music minister’s office. There is no parking.
Primary activities	The Cathedral has two worship services on Sundays, a traditional one from the Book of Common Prayer at 8:00 am, and one from the Book of Alternative Services at 10:30 am. Both services include Holy Eucharist. During the Sunday services, the cathedral choir sings, and the historic pipe organ in the sanctuary is used. At 2:00 pm on Sundays, the Chinese Anglican Fellowship meets in the church. At noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays, there is a Holy Eucharist service.

Community demographics – number of people served and demographic make-up	<p>The Cathedral is home to a dwindling and aging congregation. There are about 160 in attendance at worship services on Sundays, and throughout the week, another 50-60 people come to the church for a variety of reasons. The congregants are primarily Caucasians, of retirement age.</p>
Community services	<p>The Cathedral is a distribution site for pre-ordered hampers from the Calgary Foodbank. Every Tuesday to Friday, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. the hampers are distributed by church volunteers to between 7-20 clients.</p>
Community partnerships	<p>The Cathedral is one of the churches which participate in the Inn from the Cold, using the space at St. Stephen’s Anglican Church. The Church also has volunteers who assist with the Feeding The Hungry program at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Cathedral.</p> <p>The Church has a partnership with the Pro-Arts Society to provide concerts each weekday at noon for downtown residents and workers.</p> <p>In addition, the Cathedral is in partnership with St. Francis Roman Catholic Church as Directors of the Trinity Place Foundation of Alberta (TPFA). The Foundation was established in 1974, and then in 1985, it was recognized as a management body when it was asked by the Provincial Government to assume the management of King Tower and Murdoch Manor and later Edwards Place, which together have a total of 833 units for low income seniors in the downtown core.</p> <p>The Cathedral has partnerships with musicians and music programs in the city, to make use of its historic pipe organ. The organ of the Cathedral is one of Calgary's most historic</p>

instruments. It was built by the renowned firm Casavant Freres and installed in 1906. This year partnership with Mount Royal Conservatory, the Cathedral participates in the Calgary Organ Festival and Symposium, and hosts pipe organists from around the world who come to play its organ.

History – age of building

The cornerstone of the Cathedral was laid in 1904 by Governor General Earl of Minto. The Cathedral is a designated Registered Historic Site in the Province of Alberta, and is currently in the final stages of receiving a Municipal Heritage Designation.

This, along with its Provincial Designation, will ensure that the Cathedral is safeguarded as a Heritage Site.

Chinese United Church	
Address	124 - Second Avenue South West Calgary, Alberta
Contact	(403)262-4388 ccuc@hotmail.com
Website	www.unitedchurch.calgary.ab.ca/congregations/chinese.htm
Key Contact	Reverend Samson Cho e-mail: samson_cho@hotmail.com (403)217-1239
Denomination/Affiliation	United Church of Canada
Size of space – square feet for worship	The Church is being demolished, and rebuilt as part of a new low cost housing development for seniors in Chinatown.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional space - Parking space 	<p>The new worship space will be approximately the same size as the old worship space – it will seat 175 – 200 people. The church will lose its current gym in the re-development. The sanctuary will become a multi-purpose space without stationary pews so that it can be used for worship on Sundays, and for other purposes throughout the week. Above the present church building, there will be 15 floors of low cost seniors housing units built as part of the new development.</p> <p>There is no parking space, just street parking and an IMPARK parking lot adjacent to the property.</p>
Primary activities	The congregation meets for Sunday worship, and will meet at an alternate site while demolition and reconstruction go on for the next 8 months.

	<p>In addition, the congregation provides volunteers who assist with local initiatives to help new Chinese immigrants adjust to Calgary. This is in keeping with the 90 year history of this congregation which began as a mission to Chinese immigrant workers in Calgary.</p>
<p>Community demographics – number of people served and demographic make-up</p>	<p>The congregation of the Chinese United Church is almost entirely made up of Chinese people. Many in the congregation are third generation Chinese, and are part of the older well established Chinese community in Calgary. There are an average of 150 people in attendance to Sunday worship services.</p>
<p>Community services</p>	<p>Because the church is heading into a period of displacement while its old building is demolished, and a new one is re-built on the same site, its capacity for community services is on hold until the project is completed.</p>
<p>Community partnerships</p>	<p>The church participates in the Chinese community services provided to new Chinese immigrants to Calgary.</p>
<p>History – age of building</p>	<p>The cornerstone for this building was laid in 1954. The congregation dates back to the original Chinese Mission which was established around 1910 in the Eau Claire area of downtown Calgary.</p> <p>The building has been classed as a Category B heritage site in Calgary. <i>Category 'B' site on the City's inventory of Evaluated Historic Resources See:</i></p> <p>http://www.calgaryheritage.org/phpbb/viewtopic.php?p=1553</p> <p>Because of the building's heritage status, the front façade of the building is being preserved as the front entrance to the new first floor multi-purpose space/church, and entrance to the housing</p>

units on the floors above.

The Church of Immanuel

Address	1512 – 1 st Street S.W. Calgary, Alberta T2R 0W2
Contact	(403)262-3723
Website	www.amazingchurch.ca
Key Contact	Reverend John Lucas III
Denomination/Affiliation	Fellowship of Christian Assemblies
Size of space – square feet for worship <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Additional space- Parking space	The main sanctuary holds 350 people including the balcony seating. Additional spaces include a basement multi-purpose room which is used for children’s ministries on Sundays, and for Inn from the Cold on week nights. There is an auditorium which holds 100 in the adjacent building and this is used as a youth centre.
Primary activities	Worship services for congregations in five languages, youth activities, outreach to the community, and involvement in social services programs.
Community demographics – number of people served and demographic make-up	There are five congregations which meet in the church. On Sunday, there is the main congregation which meets at 11:00 am, about 250 people. About 30% of these attendees live in the neighborhood, the other 70% commute in. The Chinese Mandarin and Cantonese congregations have about 45 in attendance.

The Filipino congregation has about 60-70 adults plus children.

There is an Ethiopian/Eritrean congregation of approximately 300 adults and 120 children which has a service on Sunday afternoons in the Amheric language. This congregation is affiliated with the Philadelphia Assemblies of God. (See Philadelphia Assemblies of God)

Community services

The church is close to two downtown high schools, Western Canadian High School, and St. Mary's High School. On Friday afternoons, the church holds "KD Afternoons" for the high schoolers and prepares Kraft Dinner and opens the church up for high school kids to come and have a meal and have a social time together.

The Church has a food and clothing bank.

Friday and Saturday evenings, the church hands out bread to people in the street and in the neighborhood. This is day-old bread donated by Cobbs Bread. Last year, the church distributed \$150,000 of donated bread to the community.

Weekly volunteers from the church go to a nearby seniors residence, the Alex Walker Tower, to buy groceries for the residences, take them to medical appointments, and provide friendship.

The church also provides space to condominiums in the neighborhood to hold their AGM meetings.

Community partnerships

Inn from the Cold
Calgary Catholic Immigrant Society has an agreement with the church to use its basement space for 6-8 months of the year for ESL.

History – age of building

The church was built in 1946, and at that time, it was home to the original congregation of First Alliance. In 1969, the building was sold to the present congregation.

There are now five churches which meet in the facility.

First Baptist Church	
Address	1311 - 4 Street SW Calgary, Alberta T2R 0X9
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Website	http://www.firstbaptistcalgary.com/app/w_page.php?id=1&type=section
Key Contact	Reverend Ken Nettleton, Senior Pastor knettleton@firstbaptistcalgary.net
Denomination/Affiliation	Baptist Union of Western Canada
Size of space – square feet for worship	The main sanctuary holds 900 people. The basement hall seats 150, the chapel seats 90. Additional space includes the Christian education building, and the Manse next door which is no longer a residence, but provides extra meeting space. The Christian education space in its entirety can accommodate 500 people in classrooms and meeting rooms.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional space - Parking space 	The church has a parking lot with 120 stalls.
Primary activities	The church has 3 services on Sundays, one in English, one in Spanish, and one in an Ethiopian language. A total of about 350 people attend all three services combined. There is another service on Sunday evening which is run by the Life Recovery Church, a ministry for people who have just left the correction system. About 40 people attend that service. In addition to worship, the church hosts a range of activities throughout the week which provide services to the wider community as well as the congregation.

<p>Community demographics – number of people served and demographic make-up</p>	<p>About 60% of First Baptist’s congregation is Caucasian, and the other 40% is an ethnic mix of immigrant peoples. About 25% of attendees live in the beltline, and the rest commute in.</p> <p>The church serves about 400 people on Sundays through worship, and throughout the week, another 500 come through the doors for other activities.</p>
<p>Community services</p>	<p>First Baptist provides a range of services to the community, including hosting Alcoholics Anonymous, the Open Door Society for seniors, a support group for Stroke survivors, and a range of educational and language study programs.</p> <p>In particular, First Baptist is a hub for language learning activity with a range of ESL classes provided throughout the week through the church’s partnership with Calgary International Learning.</p>
<p>Community partnerships</p>	<p>First Baptist has partnerships or rental agreements with AA, the Stroke Support Group, Open Door Society, ESL classes, Calgary International Learning, Bible Study Foundations (BSF).</p> <p>Each night about 30-40 people come to the church for ESL classes. On Wednesday nights, about 350 ladies and 100 children come to the BSF classes. The women study the Bible and there is a concurrent program for their children.</p> <p>Every day during the day, about 40-50 seniors use the church facilities for Open Door Society activities. This is through a partnership between First Baptist and the City of Calgary’s Family and Community Support Services. These activities range from crafts, education, recreation, refreshments and meals, to outings.</p>

The Mustard Seed (which was born at First Baptist Church) still uses the Manse space for some of its meetings, as does Alcoholics Anonymous.

History – age of building

First Baptist was established in 1888. The current building was built in 1912, as was the Manse next door. It is a historic church with stained glass windows, and a Casavant Freres pipe organ which is well used.

The Sunday morning worship includes an Adult Sanctuary Choir, two Handbell Choirs, a Children's Choir, and a Contemporary Worship Team.

The Church has a foundation to raise funds for the ongoing needs of the physical plant.

Grace Presbyterian Church

Address	1009 – 15 Ave SW Calgary, Alberta T2R 0S5
Contact	Phone: (403)244-5861
Website	Currently being rebuilt
Key Contact	Reverend Victor Kim Victork@gracecalgary.org
Denomination/Affiliation	Presbyterian Church of Canada
Size of space – square feet for worship - Additional space - Parking space	The main sanctuary of Grace can seat 900 people. In addition, there is a Chapel which can seat 75, a dining room which can hold between 200-300, a gymnasium (which can also hold 200-300), a kitchen, family space, nursery, and small meeting rooms. There are staff offices and classrooms as well. The church has a few of its own parking stalls.
Primary activities	Sunday morning worship is a primary focus of this church. During the week, there are a range of activities and programs in the church including ESL classes, Adult ministries, Scottish Country Dance classes, and music practices.
Community demographics – number of people served and demographic make-up	Sunday morning worship is attended by an average of 300 people who are mostly senior, 75% Caucasian, 25% Asian, African, and Central American. Over 50% of the congregation commutes to the Church from the suburbs.

<p>Community services</p>	<p>The Church has a large association with the Lost Boys and Girls of Sudan. In addition, the church maintains a house which is home to girls who are part of the Servants Anonymous effort to get young prostitutes off the street.</p> <p>The Church provides space for nearby condominiums to hold condo meetings. There are Tai Chi classes, seniors groups, Bible Studies, music groups and choir practices during the week.</p>
<p>Community partnerships</p>	<p>The Church has an association with the nearby public school, Connaught School, and is working to provide programs for the children who attend there.</p> <p>Each Christmas, the Church is host to the Calgary Philharmonic's Annual Christmas Concert. Because of its renowned Cassavantes pipe organ, and the acoustics of the sanctuary, Grace rents out its facility to a variety of music groups, choirs, and instrumentalists for concerts throughout the year.</p> <p>The church hosts Inn from the Cold twice a month, does a meal preparation for the Mustard Seed once a month, is involved with Neighbourlink, and CUPS projects.</p> <p>The church is a host site for the University of Calgary Nursing practice.</p>
<p>History – age of building</p>	<p>Grace Presbyterian celebrated its centennial in 2005. The building was built in 1905, and the sanctuary is home to a Cassavantes pipe organ.</p>

Jesus Loves You Society for Families (formerly St. Paul`s United Church)

Address	240- 15 Ave S.W. Calgary, Alberta T2R 0P7
Contact	(403)269-6919
Website	None
Key Contact	Daniel Schuster, Director
Denomination/Affiliation	Non-denominational Christian
Size of space – square feet for worship - Additional space - Parking space	Sanctuary (also used as a gym) seats 300 Dining room, childcare room, pre-school room, board room, prayer room, offices, showers and bathrooms 4 parking stalls during weekdays, weeknights and evenings there is a full parking lot available
Primary activities	Worship every second Sunday attended by 100 people Lunches and dinners throughout the week for the working poor Youth activities for street youth on Friday evenings
Community demographics – number of people served and demographic make-up	The JYLS community is made up primarily of poor, working, young mothers and their children. They are an ethnically diverse community, and most are under the age of 40. There are 80-100 different women and children who attend each of 4 meals at the church a week.
Community services	Lunches and dinner meals for the working poor. Youth programs for street youth. Support for young working mothers with small children. Temporary shelter for domestic abuse

	victims.
Community partnerships	JLYS partners with Youth With a Mission, Opportunity Works, Discovery House, CUPS, and the Mustard Seed to work with downtown urban poor
History – age of building	Originally, the building was St. Paul’s United Church, built in 1954.

Knox United Church	
Address	506 Fourth Street SW Calgary, Alberta T2P 1S7
Contact	Tel: (403)269-8382 Fax: (403)264-7850
Website	http://knoxunited.ab.ca/index.php?page=home
Key Contact	Reverend Doctor Grant Dawson Tel: (403)266-4136 E-Mail: gdawson@knoxunited.ab.ca
Denomination/Affiliation	United Church of Canada
Size of space – square feet for worship	The large main sanctuary - which contains one of Calgary’s few pipe organs - holds 810 people.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional space - Parking space 	<p>The Christian Education wing was added in 1960. The church space includes a gymnasium which can seat 450, a parlour and theatre, each of which can hold 150 people, the Harris Room (a large boardroom) which can hold 40, two smaller board rooms which can each hold 20, a library which holds 20, the Healing Touch room which holds 15, an upper room which holds 10, a choir rehearsal room which holds 40. The church space is well utilized throughout the week by a wide range of community and church groups.</p> <p>The church has no parking of its own. Free Parking space is available on Sundays in the Barclay Parkade until 1:45pm (corner of 6th Avenue and 3rd Street SW), and the small far parking lot 5th Street and 5th Avenue SW closest to the buildings. Weekdays, paid parking is available.</p>

<p>Primary activities</p>	<p>Worship service on Sundays Communion service Wednesdays at noon Youth program on Friday evenings and throughout the week for inner city youth Adult education series – Knox Centre Healing Touch Program Knox Centre Theatre Collective – amateur theatre Extensive Music Programs</p>
<p>Community demographics – number of people served and demographic make-up</p>	<p>Sunday worship services are attended primarily by people from outside the downtown core. The service is a traditional worship service.</p> <p>During the week, <i>over a thousand people</i> use the church facility for activities that are either sponsored by the church, or are sponsored by small community groups, music performances etc, which rent the facilities. These people are a diverse mix of people who live and work in the downtown core. They range from employees at nearby oil companies and businesses, to new immigrants learning English.</p> <p>The Wednesday noon communion service is attended by people who work in the downtown core.</p> <p>The Church welcomes gay, lesbian and trans-gendered people.</p>
<p>Community services</p>	<p>Renowned for its music program, Knox provides a concert space with a concert grand piano in the sanctuary, and a pipe organ, a library of choral music, and a full choir. The church hosts a range of music concerts, and the facility is rented out to music events, as well as groups like Wordfest.</p> <p>Additionally, the building is rented by a wide range of community groups and companies for business meetings, sports</p>

activities, exercise classes, ESL classes, and language classes.

For example, several nearby law firms rent the gym for employees to have yoga and pilates classes, basketball, volleyball, and kickboxing classes are held for employees at Esso and Telus. Also nearby corporations rent the meeting rooms for corporate meetings.

The list of community activities this fall (2010) includes: hosting speakers such as David Suzuki, a Chamber Choir festival, organ recitals for Mount Royal University, the YMCA's 100th anniversary play in the theatre space, a range of professional musicians, a Carol Festival where 40-50 choirs will compete at the church, and the proceeds will go to the Calgary Foodbank.

Once a month, Knox hosts Inn from the Cold, and has members involved in two other Inns.

ESL classes are held at Knox, and the space is also rented by the Calgary Immigrant Women's Society. Chinook College runs Italian, French and Spanish classes at Knox, and the U of Calgary also runs Spanish classes at Knox.

Community partnerships

Knox was one of the founding churches for CUPS and Inn from the Cold and it continues to be an active partner in these community organizations.

History – age of building

This Church was built in 1912, and at that time it was called Knox Presbyterian Church. In 1925, the congregation decided to join the United Church of Canada.

Lifespring Community Church	
Address	610 - 8 Ave., SE Calgary, AB T2G 0M1
Contact	Phone: (403)620-5560 Fax: (403)239-8940 lifespring@lifespring.ca
Website	http://www.lifespringcc.ca/index-5.html
Key Contact	Reverend Paul Bagley
Denomination/Affiliation	North American Baptist
Size of space – square feet for worship	This congregation is renting a space in the Golden Age Club in downtown Calgary. The space holds 250-300 people.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional space - Parking space
Primary activities	This is a brand new church and its primary activity at this point is a Sunday morning worship service at 10:30 am.
Community demographics – number of people served and demographic make-up	This congregation formerly met in Northeast Calgary, and was considered a “church plant” by the denomination. It is now moving to the East Village, and 60 people from the congregation which met in the Northeast are attending in the new location downtown. Another 5-10 people have started to come who live in the core.
Community services	The Church works closely with the Mustard Seed and the Jesus Loves You Society to engage in ministry to the needy and homeless.

Community partnerships	None
History – age of building	The Golden Age Club has been in the present building since 1984. The Lifespring Community has been worshipping in the facility for approximately 2 months.

MetroMercy

Address	<p>Administration: Rockpoint Alliance Church 255024 Lochend Road NW Calgary, Alberta T3L 3R2</p> <p>Meeting Space: Amsterdam Rhino Restaurant 607 11th Avenue SW Calgary, AB T2R 0E1</p>
Contact	Phone: (403)851-0011
Website	http://www.rockpointe.ca/general/metromercy-home
Key Contact	Rob Brown, Pastor, MetroMercy rbrown@rockpointe.ca (403)851-0011 ext. 224
Denomination/Affiliation	<p>Christian and Missionary Alliance denomination.</p> <p>MetroMercy is a church plant out of Rockpointe Alliance Church, Calgary which means Rockpointe is funding the pastor's salary and other costs including the rental of the space in downtown Calgary.</p>
Size of space – square feet for worship	MetroMercy is currently renting the eating area space from the Amsterdam Rhino restaurant for its Sunday evening meetings.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Additional space- Parking space	<p>There is free parking on the street on Sundays. There is no additional space being used in the restaurant, though there are plans to start a mid week spiritual conversations group at the bar of the restaurant.</p>

Primary activities	MetroMercy members meet for dinner on Sunday evenings at 6:00 pm at the Amsterdam Rhino Restaurant. Because the restaurant kitchen is closed, attendees bring their own meal to eat and share in the restaurant. At 6:30 pm, a worship and teaching time begins and ends around 8:00 pm.
Community demographics – number of people served and demographic make-up	There is an average of 30-40 attending the worship/meal/teaching time on Sunday night. Then there is an average of 20-30 involved in some form of community development work (with spiritual emphasis obviously) each week. MetroMercy is made up of younger people in the 18-30 age bracket.
Community services	Because of the newness of this community, and its small size and lack of its own facilities, its members work with other downtown churches and agencies to minister to the needs of downtown residents.
Community partnerships	<p>Members of MetroMercy volunteer to assist with the Inn from the Cold ministry at Central United Church once a month. The community has committed 7-10 people to assist the Mustard Seed with helping their clients transition from living at the SEED to living on their own.</p> <p>Some members from MetroMercy work together with members of Central United, to assist with the teaching of ESL to new Canadians at Central United Church once a week.</p>
History – age of building	The MetroMercy community has been meeting in downtown Calgary since November of 2009. It does not have its own building, and plans to continue using rental facilities in downtown Calgary.

MountainView Grace Church

Address	116 - 2 nd Avenue SW Calgary, Alberta T2P 0B9
Contact	(403)252-7790
Website	http://www.gameo.org/encyclopedia/contents/M6914.html
Key Contact	Reverend Joseph Sun
Denomination/Affiliation	Alberta Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches
Size of space – square feet for worship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional space - Parking space 	The church meets in the 3 rd and 4 th floors of this 4 storey building. The worship space can seat 300 people. There is some office space for the church on the first floor of the building. There is no church parking other than street and an IMPARK lot adjacent to the church building.
Primary activities	The Church holds Sunday worship services, youth programs and English language training during the week, and provides services to new immigrants.
Community demographics – number of people served and demographic make-up	The Church serves Mandarin and Cantonese Chinese people in Calgary’s downtown Chinatown.
Community services	The Sunday morning English service is attended by 25-30 people. The Chinese (Cantonese and Mandarin) service is attended by 50 people. On Monday evening, there is a 7:00 pm Mandarin only service attended by 20 people. There are about 20 people, who attend the weekly youth meetings for English speakers, and another 50 people who attend youth, adult, and seniors’ events in the church which

	<p>are aimed at Chinese-speaking people through the week.</p> <p>On Monday nights, there are also ESL classes provided.</p>
Community partnerships	<p>The Church is a member of the Calgary Chinese Evangelical Ministerial group, and it is expanding its partnerships to provide services for new Chinese-speaking immigrants, their youth, and for their school-aged children.</p>
History – age of building	<p>The building is over 50 years old, but the congregation has been meeting in the 3rd and 4th floors since 1995.</p>

Muslim Prayer Spaces – Downtown

Address

Downtown Musalla (Main)

EPCOR Centre
2nd Fl. of Burns Building
Macleod Tr. & 8th Ave SE
Calgary, Alberta

Downtown Musalla
Central United Church (basement)
131 – 7th Avenue SW
Calgary, Alberta

Muslim Association of Calgary
5615-14 Avenue SW
Calgary, Alberta T3H 2E8

Contact

Phone: (403)532-6558
Fax: (403)242-1615

Website

www.muslimsofcalgary.ca

Key Contact

Imam Jamal Hammoud – Senior Imam
403-242-1615

Denomination/Affiliation	Muslim Association of Calgary
Size of space – square feet for worship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional space - Parking space 	<p>The Epcor Centre space on the second floor is provided to Muslims for prayers on Fridays. There are five sessions provided between 11:15 am to 2:15 pm. The space holds approximately 100 people.</p> <p>There is no parking.</p> <p>The Central United Church basement dining room space also holds about 200.</p>
Primary activities	Daily Prayers, Friday Prayers and Sermon
Community demographics – number of people served and demographic make-up	There are between 75 – 100 Muslim men who work in the downtown who come to prayers on Fridays at the Epcor Centre. Another 150 meet on Fridays at the Central United Church location for prayers.
Community services	None
Community partnerships	None
History – age of building	None

Philadelphia Assembly of God

Address	1512 – 1 st Street S.W. Calgary, Alberta T2R 0W2 (meets in the Church of Immanuel)
Contact	(403)264-6744 Email: pagcc@pagcc.org
Website	www.pagcc.org
Key Contact	Reverend Orkeneh Mogese
Denomination/Affiliation	Philadelphia Assembly of God
Size of space – square feet for worship	This congregation meets in the sanctuary of Church of Immanuel, which can seat 350 people.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional space - Parking space 	There are 40 parking stalls.
Primary activities	The primary activity of this church is the Sunday worship service on Sunday afternoons. Otherwise, there is a prayer meeting on Wednesdays.
Community demographics – number of people served and demographic make-up	The congregation is made of Ethiopian and Eritrean people who mostly commute to the church from the suburbs. There are about 150-200 people in attendance on Sundays.
Community services	The community has activities for youth and a Sunday School which runs concurrently with the Sunday afternoon worship service. About 20 young people are involved in youth activities and about 15 in Sunday School.

Community partnerships	This Church works together with two other evangelical Ethiopian and Eritrean congregations in Calgary to provide services to their members.
History – age of building	<p>The church was built in 1946.</p> <p>This congregation has been meeting in The Church of Immanuel for five years.</p>

Quakers (Religious Society of Friends)

Address	Old Y Common Room 223 – 12 th Avenue SW Calgary, AB T2R 0G6
Contact	(403)262-4346
Website	None Email: quakers@calcna.ab.ca
Key Contact	Kitty Dunn (403)284-2550
Denomination/Affiliation	Quakers (Religious Society of Friends)
Size of space – square feet for worship - Additional space - Parking space	<p>The Calgary Quakers meet weekly for worship every Sunday in the Old YMCA building Common Room which holds approximately 75 people.</p> <p>There is no parking.</p> <p>The building is used by a variety of small non- profits groups and is owned by the City of Calgary.</p> <p>Details about the space can be obtained from Sonja at CITY OF CALGARY: (403)261-9660</p>
Primary activities	<p>The Calgary Quakers meet every Sunday at 10:30 am for a worship service, then have a bi-monthly meeting for business. On the first and third Sundays of the month, there is a Sunday school for children and youth which runs parallel to the adult worship at 10:30 am.</p> <p>In addition to the worship service at the Old Y building, Quakers meet with each other in their homes for discussions</p>

	and study.
Community demographics – number of people served and demographic make-up	There is an average of 25 people who attend each Sunday. They have an older demographic. Monthly meetings are attended by 4-6 people.
Community services	Because the community is so tiny, the Quakers join in with the work of larger groups such as KAIROS, an ecumenical Christian social justice agency. Individuals in the community contribute to their own communities where they live. But their primary focus is on coming together for worship.
Community partnerships	KAIROS, Faith in the Common Good Project
History – age of building	<p>The Quaker community rents the Common Room in the Old Y, a historic building and site of the YMCA before it relocated to its new facility.</p> <p>The first meeting of Quakers in Calgary took place in 1908, and since that time there has always been a small community of Quakers in the city.</p>

Sacred Heart Church	
Address	1312 - 15 ST SW Calgary, Alberta T3C 0T6
Contact	(403)244-2741
Website	http://www.sacredheartcalgary.ca/main/
Key Contact(s)	Pastor: Reverend Edmund Vargas #224 Associate Pastor: Reverend Benedicto Tugano IV (403)244-2741
Denomination/Affiliation	Roman Catholic
Size of space – square feet for worship	<p>The main sanctuary holds 600 people. There are additional spaces in the church for meetings and ministries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional space - Parking space <p>The church is currently in the midst of a major renovation and addition, to be completed by June 2010. An additional 1600 sq.ft. is being added to the main level at the front of the church, as a Narthex or meeting space/foyer. Beneath that space will be an additional 1600 sq.ft which will become the basement hall for multi-purpose use, including a kitchen. The current basement hall underneath the sanctuary is being renovated into a Columbarium, to provide space for cremation urns, and additional storage space.</p> <p>The Church shares a parking lot with Sacred Heart School which is adjacent to the church. There are 100 parking spaces in that lot.</p>
Primary activities	Worship services are held Saturdays, Mass at 5:00 pm, Sundays, Mass at 9:00 am, 11 am and 5:00 pm. Morning Prayers are held

	<p>Sundays, at 8:30 am.</p> <p>Weekday noon masses. Catechism classes and other ministries for the church congregation are held throughout the week.</p>
Community demographics – number of people served and demographic make-up	<p>Sacred Heart has 1900 church families. Attendance for the weekend masses is around 1900, and there is an average of 100 people at the weekday noon masses. The noon masses tend to be attended by people who work in the downtown. The congregation is ethnically diverse with a range of new immigrants, older immigrant communities (European), and old timers who come in from the suburbs.</p>
Community services	<p>The church runs a program called “Fire in the Rose” for people who require education and/or counseling about domestic abuse and violence, and also elder abuse.</p> <p>One night a month, the church hosts Inn from the Cold. The church prepares Christmas Hampers at Christmas for the needy.</p> <p>In addition, the church participates in the St. Vincent de Paul organization which distributes food to the needy in the downtown core.</p>
Community partnerships	<p>Sacred Heart is an Inn from the Cold host church.</p> <p>Sacred Heart is partnering with other churches through KAIROS to develop Acadia Place: A Place to Call Home. It is an Ecumenical Social Justice project to help the homeless is starting in September, 2010. Acadia House will be an affordable housing complex for low income families. (via the Calgary Homeless Foundation).</p> <p>In the 1970’s, the church partnered with Scarboro United Church to build Bankview House, a seniors’ residence, and still plays a role in that organization.</p>

History – age of building

The first Sacred Heart Church was built in 1910. The current building was built in 1930 during the Depression. It is currently undergoing a major renovation and addition called The Centennial Project, to be completed in June 2011.

Sainte Famille Roman Catholic Church

Address	1717-5th Street SW Calgary, Alberta T2S 2A8
Contact	Phone: (403)228-3619 Fax: (403)802-3819 sfamille@shaw.ca
Website	None
Key Contact	Reverend Noel Farman
Denomination/Affiliation	Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary
Size of space – square feet for worship	The sanctuary can seat 300 people, and the meeting hall can seat 250. There is a kitchen, some classrooms and small meeting spaces. The church has no parking. Overall, this is a tiny community in a building which is underused.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional space - Parking space 	
Primary activities	Saturday Mass is held at 5:00 pm for French speaking people. The Sunday 10:30 am mass is also in French. There is a lunch served after the Sunday morning mass.
Community demographics – number of people served and demographic make-up	The congregation is 60-70% francophone, third generation French, and on average, this is an older community aged 60-90. Around 25-30% of the congregation is made up of young families.
Community services	<p>The church is open every day from 6:00 am – 9:00 pm. Approximately 50-60 people visit the church during the week for prayers, meditation.</p> <p>On Fridays, there is a francophone Friendship Club which meets in the Church.</p>

Community partnerships	On Sunday afternoons, a Filipino Catholic Church, El Shaddai, rents the church for its worship services which are attended by 100-150 people.
History – age of building	The French-speaking Roman Catholic congregation dates back to 1928 in Calgary. The current facility was built in 1964.

Salvation Army Centre of Hope	
Address	420-9 Avenue SE Calgary, AB T2G 0R9
Contact	Phone: (403)410-1150 or (403)410-1145 Fax: (403)410-1096
Website	http://ab.salvationarmy.ca/index.htm http://www.centreofhope.ca/
Key Contact	Phillip Blindenbach Phillip.blindenbach@salvationarmycalgary.org (403)410-1170
Denomination/Affiliation	The Salvation Army Alberta and Northern Territories Division
Size of space – square feet for worship	The Salvation Army Centre of Hope in the downtown core of Calgary is an Addiction Recovery facility. The chapel space holds 100 people.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional space - Parking space 	<p>In addition, there is a Spiritual Care office that is available for individual pastoral counseling. There are 5 full time chaplains on site that use their offices for meeting with residents of our facilities. Overall 50+ people access the spiritual care support that is offered there. The Centre provides support for the residents of the Centre and the Booth Centre which is located on 7th Avenue SW.</p> <p>There is limited visitor parking in the underground lot (less than 10 spaces).</p>
Primary activities	Addictions Recovery Program at the

Centre of Hope is the primary activity. In addition, the Centre provides:

Hostel Services: Emergency and short-term housing for men, women, and youth. Current capacity is 267.

Community and Family Services: It assists people with everything from food and clothing to life skills.

Housing Support Services: It assists people with housing issues such as hydro/rent.

Withdrawal Management: The Centre is a safe place that welcomes people who are struggling with substance use problems.

Emergency Response: The Centre responds to crisis and emergency situations.

Community demographics – number of people served and demographic make-up

During the week, there are Bible studies (once per week), attended on average by 15 adults.

Sunday services are held every two weeks in the chapel space. They are attended by an average of 15-20 people. There are no children; all are adults (age 19-65) with the majority being Caucasian, a few of Aboriginal descent and Asian as well.

Community services

The Centre for Hope a 44 bed residential addictions treatment program for men. It is a Christ centered program based on the whole person (Bio-Physical-Social-Spiritual). The material developed by The Salvation Army entitled "My Personal Journey" is currently being used for this program as well as wide variety of proven treatment approaches.

Priority is given to creating an individual recovery program designed to meet the

needs of each participant.

The Centre provides clients with assistance in overcoming addictions to alcohol, drugs, and gambling. The program involves a social setting for social re-orientation, interactive instruction, life skills classes, family violence counseling, Bible studies, spiritual counseling,

Once the client has progressed through this stage, the Centre then provides

Stepping Out and Aftercare Services. After completing their treatment program, clients are counseled on relapse prevention, exit planning, life skills training, community re-integration and the implementation of a follow-up support system.

Community partnerships

The Salvation Army actively pursues a wide range of community partnerships to leverage its impact on its clients in the recovery program, and for the individuals who benefit from a wide range of additional services and care provided through the Salvation Army facilities.

These partnerships include:

- 1) Inner City Health Works Initiative (ICHWI) for a 'Spring & Winter Tune Up ' Health Clinic and Dinner: partners --> AIDS Calgary, Alex Health Centre, Calgary Alpha House, Calgary Assoc. of Self Help, Safeworks, CHR Oral Health, CUPS, CMHA SOS, University of Calgary, & Women's Centre.
- 2) East Village Block Party Planning Committee for the East Village Annual Block Party: partners -->The Alex Health Centre, City of Calgary, Calgary Municipal Land Corporation, Calgary Public Library, The Golden Age

Club, East Village Action Committee, Inner City Community Resource Centre, & the Calgary Drop-In Centre.

3) Calgary Homeless Awareness for Homelessness Awareness Week --> see website for partners list www.homelessawareness.ca

4) Boot Drive supported by Mark's Work Warehouse: Partners --> Safeworks, CUPS, the Mustard Seed, Inn from the Cold, the Calgary Drop-In Centre, The Alex Health Centre, Alpha House, & CMHA SOS.

5) The Centre for Hope also partners with a number of 'street churches' that come into the East Village, as well the Salvation Army's Emergency Disaster Unit, which provides street ministry in the neighbourhood.

The Salvation Army is working with the city of Calgary on Housing First, a 10-year plan to end homelessness. The plan is to reorganize, move away from emergency shelter and focus on supports that help people find permanent housing.

History – age of building

The Centre for Hope was built in 2001. The Calgary Center of Hope, completed in 2001 is a new model of service provision for the Salvation Army, bringing together a variety of previously separate programs. The building provides accommodation for over 400 residents, including some emergency housing, a women's shelter, mental health population accommodations, food and life skills training, chapel and counseling services, and recreational programs.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary (Magyar)

Address	819-13 th Avenue S.W. Calgary, Alberta T2S 2A8
Contact	Phone and Fax: (403)228-3834
Website	None
Key Contact	Reverend Lawrence Manolache
Denomination/Affiliation	Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary
Size of space – square feet for worship	The sanctuary can seat up to 500 people. There are meeting spaces, offices and classrooms. The building is underutilized.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional space - Parking space 	There is parking for 40.
Primary activities	Sunday mass at 10:30 am in Hungarian. There are three masses during the week, also in Hungarian. The church holds a Hungarian school in the evenings for children and adults in the community who want to learn Hungarian. About 35 attend this evening class.
Community demographics – number of people served and demographic make-up	About 300 people attend the Sunday mass. They are all Hungarian. Some live in the downtown core but many commute in from outside the downtown. The average age of the congregation is 60, but the priest is young, and the church hopes he can attract younger people to attend.
Community services	The Church has a seniors group for Hungarian seniors, and a Girl Guides group and a Boy Scouts group meets in the church as well.
Community partnerships	None

History – age of building

The building was built in 1950.

St. Francis of Assisi Church

Address	211 0 6 th Avenue SE Calgary, Alberta T2G 4W4 Church office: 604-1 st Street SE
Contact	Phone: (403)266-2512 Fax: (403)263-4341
Website	www.stfranciscalgary.org
Key Contact	Father Joseph Tran Duc Hau joseph@stfranciscalgary.org
Denomination/Affiliation	Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary
Size of space – square feet for worship - Additional space - Parking space	The church sanctuary seats 250. The building is quite small; there is only a sacristy and washrooms, and a small lobby in addition to the sanctuary. There is no basement. There is no parking.
Primary activities	Masses are held Saturday at 5:30 pm, and Sundays at 9:00 am, 11:00 am, and 4:30 pm. During the week, there is a mass every day at 12:05.
Community demographics – number of people served and demographic make-up	The congregation is 40% Filipino, 30% new immigrants to the downtown core, and 30% are older seniors who commute into the church from the suburbs. Many of them have a long history with the church. The church also ministers to street people.
Community services	The church participates in the St. Vincent De Paul organization to provide food hampers to the needy in downtown Calgary.

Because of its location, St. Francis is geared towards meeting the needs of the urban poor, and makes use of its own facilities and a nearby Anglican church to provide food and clothing to the homeless and the poor.

Community partnerships

St. Vincent de Paul – for food and clothing distribution to the poor.

History – age of building

St. Francis was originally established in 1931 as a chapel of ease from St. Mary’s Cathedral. It became a parish in 1934 to minister to new immigrants. The original structure was replaced in 1957. In 1988, the church was entrusted to the Dominican Fathers who now seek to maintain the building and its ministry.

St. Stephen's Anglican Church

Address	1121 - 14 AVE SW Calgary, Alberta T2R 1E7
Contact	(403)244-4879
Website	http://www.ststephenscalgary.org/
Key Contact	Reverend Brian E. Pearson, Rector rector@ststephenscalgary.org (403)244-4879 ext. 3
Denomination/Affiliation	Anglican Church of Canada
Size of space – square feet for worship	The sanctuary, balcony and adjacent chapel space for St. Stephen's holds about 600 people.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional space - Parking space 	<p>The Church has begun a process to redevelop the church facility. (Building Re-development Assessment Group – BRAG) BRAG is looking at how the facility might be refurbished and redeveloped to provide better services to the congregation and the wider community. This will include developing a courtyard and coffee house to provide the church with a greater street presence.</p> <p>Inside, the plan is to create more of a stage at the front of the sanctuary to accommodate theatre and performing arts. The church also hopes to install an elevator as there are three floors in the facility and it is not wheelchair accessible. The goal is to make the church more of a community centre to meet the diverse needs of the area.</p> <p>The church has a Christian Education wing which contains</p>

	<p>classroom spaces, and a Manse next to the Church which is also used for church activities and rented out to the community.</p> <p>The Church has limited parking of 10-12 spaces in the adjacent alley.</p>
<p>Primary activities</p>	<p>Worship services are held at St. Stephen’s on Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. An average of 150 people attends the Sunday services. During the week, the church opens its Chapel for prayers (3 days/week), and a range of activities take place. These include concerts, live theatre, AA and NA groups, a pre-school program, Inn from the Cold, and a spiritual counseling ministry.</p>
<p>Community demographics – number of people served and demographic make-up</p>	<p>The congregation is made up of 85% commuters who come in from the suburbs and who are largely Caucasian, and who are traditional Anglicans.</p> <p>About 15% are from the local community, and they are singles, university students, and new immigrants from Asia, Africa, and the Caribbean. The goal of the church is to see an increase in attendance from the neighborhood.</p>
<p>Community services</p>	<p>Once a year, about 75 people from St. Stephens volunteer to help supply food and volunteers for the “Feed the Hungry” dinner at St. Mary’s Catholic Cathedral to feed the more than 500 people who come out for this Sunday meal.</p> <p>Every second week, St. Stephen’s is a host church for Inn from the Cold.</p> <p>The church hosts an annual art show called Midtown Mosaic Fine Art Show and Sale to provide a show for downtown visual artists.</p> <p>The 12th Guide Unit of Girl Guides has met at St. Stephens for</p>

many years.

All Roads Lead Home – a ministry to people who have just been placed in affordable housing.

Community partnerships

St. Stephen’s claims to be the church where the Inn from the Cold program was first initiated. It continues to be involved in this ministry to the homeless.

Other community partnerships include one with the Armenian community which provides Armenian language and cultural training. The Ethiopian Orthodox Church uses the facility for its meetings.

The Church has a partnership with Heartland Agency which provides pre-school mornings and afternoons to hundreds of children who are at risk. They are referred to Heartland by social services, and they are at risk because of poverty, disabilities, or abuse.

The Manse adjacent to the Church is rented to Spiritual Directions which is a non-profit that runs programs in spiritual direction, counseling, and meditation. About 60 people a week make use of the services of Spiritual Directions.

Another 50 people a week come to the church for Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Girl Guides, and Pathfinders.

The church offers its space to local condominiums for their community association meetings.

History – age of building

The St. Stephen’s Anglican congregation was started in 1906. The building the church is in now is the third building the church

has been in on the same site. The Parish Hall was built in the 1920's, and the connecting Christian Education wing was built in the 1960's. The Rectory/or Manse was built in the 1920's. The main building for the present church was built in 1952.

Trinity Lutheran Church

Address	840 – 3 rd Avenue SW Calgary, Alberta
Contact	(403)266-1570
Website	www.historictrinity.com
Key Contact	Reverend Howard Mastin
Denomination/Affiliation	Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
Size of space – square feet for worship	The sanctuary of this small historic church seats 142. There is a basement which can hold 92 people.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional space - Parking space 	There is street parking available.
Primary activities	<p>There is an Ethiopian Orthodox congregation which meets on Sunday mornings from 6:00 am to 9: 00 am for Orthodox liturgy. Then they have church fellowship until 10:00 am.</p> <p>Then there is a Sunday morning worship service at 11:00 am for the Trinity Lutheran congregation.</p> <p>From 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm on Sundays, an evangelical Eritrean congregation meets for worship in the Church.</p>
Community demographics – number of people served and demographic make-up	<p>About 200 people attend the Ethiopian Orthodox worship from 6:00 am-9:00am on Sunday mornings.</p> <p>About 35 people attend the Lutheran service at 11:00 am. The</p>

	<p>Lutheran attendees tend to be wealthy retired people who either live in the nearby condos, or who commute in from the suburbs.</p> <p>Approximately 25 people attend the evangelical Eritrean service on Sunday afternoons.</p>
Community services	<p>During the week, there are two Alcoholics Anonymous groups which meet at the church.</p>
Community partnerships	<p>The church does not have any formal partnerships in the community.</p> <p>The condo association for Eau Claire holds its Annual General Meetings in the church. Local companies rent space from the church to provide yoga and pre-natal classes for employees.</p>
History – age of building	<p>As a community of faith, Trinity has been a part of Eau Claire and Calgary since 1899. Originally the church was the “Norwegian Lutheran Church”, an ethnic congregation formed by the workers of the Eau Claire and Bow River Lumber Companies. The name was changed from Norwegian Lutheran Church to Trinity Lutheran Church in 1941.</p> <p>In 1910, the existing basement was completed at the corner of 3rd Avenue and 8th Street SW. The manse, now dubbed "Trinity House", followed in 1914. Ten years later, the church building was finished. Renovated in 1959, the church has now been complimented by the Historic Trinity Community Garden, established in 2004.</p>

Methodology

Richelle Wiseman, a Calgary resident with extensive networks in the faith community, was retained to conduct the background research for this report.

Online directories for major Christian denominations were consulted to track down as many churches in Calgary's core as possible. These included the websites for: Anglican Church of Canada – Calgary Diocese, Roman Catholic Diocese of Calgary, Presbyterian Church of Canada – Western Presbytery, United Church of Canada, Christian Reformed Church of Canada, Mennonite Church of Canada, Mennonite Brethren Church of Canada, Seventh-Day Adventists of Canada, Baptist Union of Western Canada, North American Baptists, General Conference Baptists, Fellowship Baptists of Canada, Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, Fellowship of the Assemblies of God, Church of Christ, Victory Churches Canada, Christian and Missionary Alliance, Jehovah's Witnesses, Church of the Latter Day Saints, Christian Scientists, Quakers, Salvation Army of Canada, Nazarene Churches, Full Gospel Churches.

Through personal networks, and on the basis of tips from interviewees, a number of "church plants", or informal congregations meeting in non-religious rented spaces, or meeting in existing church buildings were uncovered. Other directories for Buddhist, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, and Sikh communities were consulted. In the Calgary core, there is one Buddhist monastery, and two worship spaces provided for Muslim prayers. There are no worship spaces for Jewish, Hindu, or Sikh Calgarians in the downtown core.

For most places of worship which met the geographic criteria, a website was found with contact information. With the exception of the Buddhist Monastery, Cardus was able to interview a religious leader/pastor at each place of worship to determine the seating capacity, the size and nature of the congregation, the demographics of the community served, and the kinds of networks and associations that congregation has with other agencies and other places of worship. These interviews provided the basis for most of the information captured herein.