

# 2024

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THE NEXT SIX YEARS



# Looking back. Looking forward.

Shore Community Church began in 1998 with a focus on helping people discover Jesus Christ and become fully-devoted followers of him. This year we celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> birthday, reflecting on two decades of God's faithfulness, as well as countless lives changed by the gospel through Shore.

This year is not only a time for looking back but also looking forward. Over the past 20 years our city has changed and so has our church. We are now looking toward what God is wanting to do in and through us over the next season of Shore's life.

Inside this booklet is a summary of Shore's vision over the next six years. This vision has come out of a lot of prayer and discernment by Shore's elders, staff and ministry leaders, as well as conversations with many people at Shore. It contains six key areas we'll be focusing on, as well as initial 3-year goals to take us part-way to this destination. This vision will only become reality as we all play our part in making it happen. So as you read these pages, please think and pray about how you can personally connect with this vision in some way.

We believe the best is yet to come for Shore as we trust God to do

*"immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine  
according to his power that is at work within us."*

*Ephesians 3:20*

# Upward

*We will become a disciple-making church, fostering spiritual depth and maturity.*

We long to see a community of people being continually transformed into the image of Christ and having their hearts increasingly orientated toward his kingdom. In pursuing this, the Word of God and prayer will be central, both individually and communally.

## **3 YEAR GOALS:**

- Establish clear discipleship pathway(s) and have 30% of the church taking an identifiable next step in their faith journey.
- Engage 25% of the church in a shared daily Bible reading plan through utilising or developing an online devotional tool.
- Have 25% of the church engaged in an “alongsider” relationship, in which they are either discipling someone or being discipled.

# Inward

*We will become a closer spiritual family, cultivating an ever-greater sense of belonging and community.* We desire for every person in our church to experience authentic *koinonia* (fellowship) with others—across generations and cultures. This will happen in multiple ways: personal friendships, groups and teams, and a sense of family throughout the whole church body.

## **3 YEAR GOALS:**

- Rejuvenate our Sunday morning environment and teams to cultivate greater community, connection and hospitality across all ages and cultures.
- Have 40% of our church community engaged in a life group.

# Outward

*We will reach out locally, nationally and globally with the love and good news of Jesus. We will raise the evangelistic temperature of Shore Community Church and increase our redemptive presence in our local communities. Through our teaching ministry we will provide quality, biblical content throughout NZ and the world.*

## **3 YEAR GOALS:**

- Develop one new strategic partnership in global missions.
- Have 25% of our church congregation taking active steps in relational evangelism.
- Establish a new online distribution vehicle for Shore's video and audio teaching, plus study resources.
- Develop at least one new ongoing initiative annually to enrich the families in our community.

# Support

We will support this vision in the following ways:

## Leadership Development

*We will equip, train, develop and release leaders to serve both inside and outside the church.* Leadership development will be a priority in every area of church life: ministry, mission, governance and operations. We will also raise up leaders who go on to serve the Lord in other contexts.

### 3 YEAR GOALS:

- Develop a leadership pipeline to produce at least 30 new active leaders at Shore.
- Establish an internship programme that has trained at least three interns.

## Celebration

*We will celebrate what God is doing in our church, rejoicing over his work among us.* We'll enjoy being the church together, while leaving room for lament and pain. We'll regularly celebrate and remember how God is working among us and through us.

### 3 YEAR GOAL:

Enhance our social media presence to communicate weekly stories of how God is at work in and through Shore.

## Facilities

*We will invest in facilities that serve to advance the vision of our church.* We will ensure that we have quality facilities to support both the church and the local community, while keeping our focus on people and ministry.

### 3 YEAR GOAL:

Purchase and develop a ministry & community centre that provides a base for church and community activities.

# How can I connect to this vision?

## **Pray.**

Ask God to continually pour out his Spirit and his blessing upon Shore. Only he can bring this vision to fulfilment.

## **Give.**

Achieving this vision will take financial resources, so please prayerfully consider whether you can contribute through becoming a regular giver, increasing your giving, or making a one-off donation.

## **Serve.**

Every part of this vision involves volunteers. Decide on which area you'd like to serve in and join one or more of our serving teams.

## **Talk.**

Chat with others at Shore about creative ways in which you can help make this vision a reality.

Loving God.  
Loving Each Other.  
Loving the World.



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