

# CUMBERLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH PROFILE

## **MISSION AND VISION**

At Cumberland Community Church (CCC), in asking ourselves why we exist and what our purpose is for being in Cumberland, we have committed :

- To Know Christ
- To Grow In Christ
- To Make Christ Known

We believe by “being salt and light” and “letting our good deeds shine out” we can be a Lighthouse for Christ in Cumberland, and we will achieve our long term desire to see the people in Cumberland saved, healed, set free, discipled, equipped, empowered, and serving Christ.

## **HISTORY AND COMMUNITY**

### **1. Origins and History**

CCC had its start in February 1989 after a small group broke away from the United Church in Cumberland. This small group bought its current Church building, the well-known historic Anglican Church built in 1895, which had been sitting empty for some time. At its founding, CCC became affiliated with the Congregational Christian Churches in Canada.

The early 2000's the church eventually found a full time pastor that faithfully led the congregation for many years. More recently, the church maintained itself with a part-time pastorship as the congregation continued to age. Although the diminished church was healthy and vibrant it was frustrated in not being able to reach the younger demographic of their community. In mid-2017, a small group within CCC started a weekly prayer meeting, where the main focus of prayer was to seek God's direction for CCC underscoring the recognition of the serious need to fulfill the third part of the mission: To Make Christ Known. In 2018 the CCC leadership team began looking into the possibility of aligning itself with another Church denomination having both a significant local presence and a Statement of Faith and set of values which meshed closely with those of CCC. That led CCC to join the Fellowship Pacific family in early 2019. There were several attempts to find a full time pastor, but these attempts were stalled by the pandemic, a significant number of the CCC Church family leaving for their home in Glory, and a lack of workers to carry out key church functions. As a result, the serious step was taken in 2021 to seek alignment with another local Fellowship Pacific member, Courtenay Fellowship Baptist Church, with the result being their current replant plan.

### **2. Affiliation**

CCC is affiliated with Fellowship Pacific, a community of approximately 100 autonomous local churches in BC and Yukon. Nationally, this region is part of the larger community of the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada with more than 500 churches across Canada.

### **3. Our Local Community**

Cumberland is a spectacularly beautiful, young and vibrant community with plenty to offer, and potential for so much more than can be outlined here. Please refer to “Community Profile”.

### **CCC LIFE AT PRESENT**

#### **1. General Information**

**Doctrine** – CCC subscribes to the Statement of Faith of the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in BC and Yukon (Fellowship Pacific). This statement is published on their website at [www.febpacific.ca](http://www.febpacific.ca) and is consistent with the statement of faith found in CCC’s “Statements, Policies and Procedures”.

#### **2. Polity**

**Leadership team structure** – CCC leadership team consists of a minimum of 2 elders, the church treasurer and pastor.

#### **3. Facilities**

**Building** – Our church is a 2 part interconnected small “complex”:

- Worship Center seating (capacity 100) with stage area comprising total 1200 square feet. Built in 1895, in good overall condition.
- Connecting hallway/foyer (serving as a front entrance, greeting area, and library).
- Hall Building - seating/dining area (capacity 100), kitchen, washrooms, upper room office, storage areas, rear entrance, pastor’s office.

The connector and hall were built in 1920’s. The building is in good overall condition but will need some future maintenance.

### **CLOSING THOUGHTS**

This Church has been praying diligently for more than 4 years that God would revive us, change us, grow us, and lead us forward. Our heart’s desire is to know Christ, to grow in Christ, and to make Christ known in Cumberland. The church believes God is calling us to become more visible and active in the community than we have been in the past, and we admit humbly that we have become too old and too small a group to fulfill our mission. We realize this replant endeavor requires a pastor with a unique mixture of entrepreneurial, relational, missional and visionary qualities. Embracing this opportunity will no doubt be challenging at times, but know that Cumberland is special to God and He wants this village to experience the vastness of life in Jesus. You will have His Spirit to guide and energize you, our prayers to fortify you, and a starter team to help you; the rewards are just waiting for you to be amazed by.