Highland Park

Elder Training



Our Vision

VISION

Our Tribe





If someone asked you:

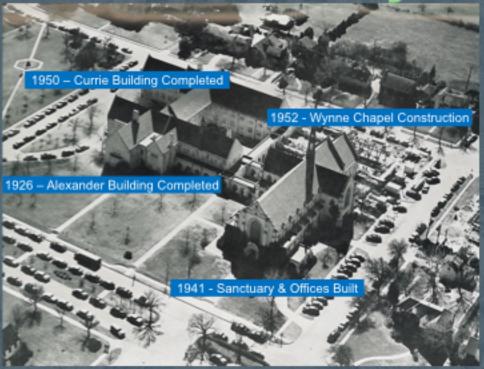
"What have been some significant ways that God has worked through Highland Park Presbyterian Church over the years?" how would you answer?





53 people leave First Pres Dallas to plant a church in the undeveloped northern pastureland of Highland Park.

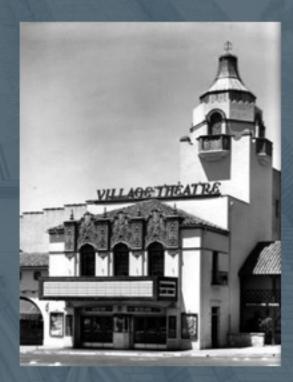




Original church campus constructed

1926-1952

"It's a community where people are drawn together and held together by one great tie: their faith in Jesus. It is a spiritual family where the bond of union is not nationality nor money nor position nor political views but a common love for Christ and devotion to his cause, where differences of culture and education are forgotten, where economic and social standing are transcended, and people stand on level ground."

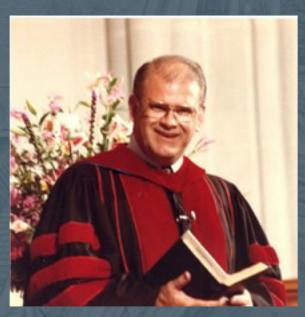


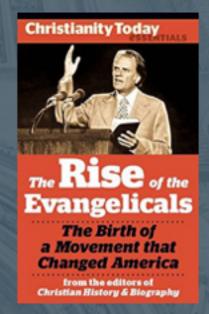
Bill Elliott, 4th Senior Pastor of HP Pres, on 25th Anniversary



HP Pres helps plant one new church per year in Dallas (20).

1947-1967





HP Pres grows under the leadership of then senior pastor Clayton Bell, who helps HP Pres provide leadership in the Evangelical movement.

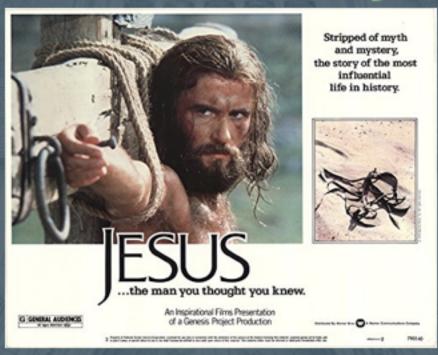
1973-2001





HP Pres leaders help start Presbyterian Hospital and Presbyterian Village North.

1966 & 1980



HP Pres leaders help launch the Jesus Film.



HP Pres members narrowly vote to remain in PC(USA). 1500 members leave to start Park Cities Presbyterian.





HP Pres launches an "All Nations" African service and a Chinese Mandarin Church Plant.

2001 & 2011



HP Pres votes to leave the PC(USA) and join ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians.



HP Pres calls its 7th senior pastor, Bryan Dunagan.

"Everything we do is about helping people to find and follow Jesus. Our ultimate goal is not to be a beautiful church, or a big church, or a church that is growing so we can feel good about ourselves. Our mission is to be a Jesus church, where people of every generation are finding the joy, hope and transformation of life in Christ."

Bryan Dunagan, on 90th Anniversary



HP Pres Session adopts Vision 100 statement and goals.



HP Pres begins Transform campus renovation project. "Transform spaces to transform lives."

Peak Street CHURCH



HP Pres plants "Peak Street Church" in Old East Dallas.

"It is right that we should meditate some on the past but our eyes must always be on the future that God would fill us with a divine discontent and send us out for even greater things for his honor."

Dr. Bill Elliott, on 25th Anniversary

Looking Ahead...



What is Vision 100?

How does our vision for the future grow out of our history?



We exist to lead all generations to become transformed followers of Jesus for the flourishing of our city and beyond.



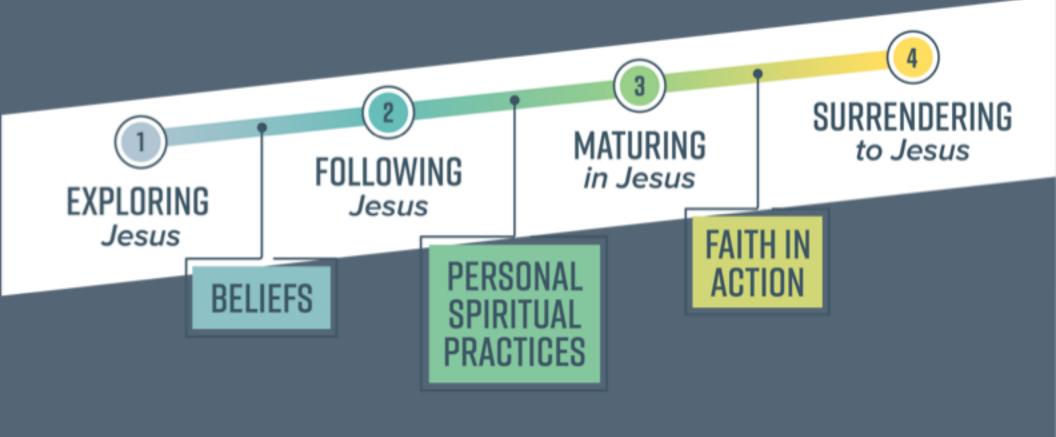
HIGHLAND PARK PRES VISION 100 GOALS

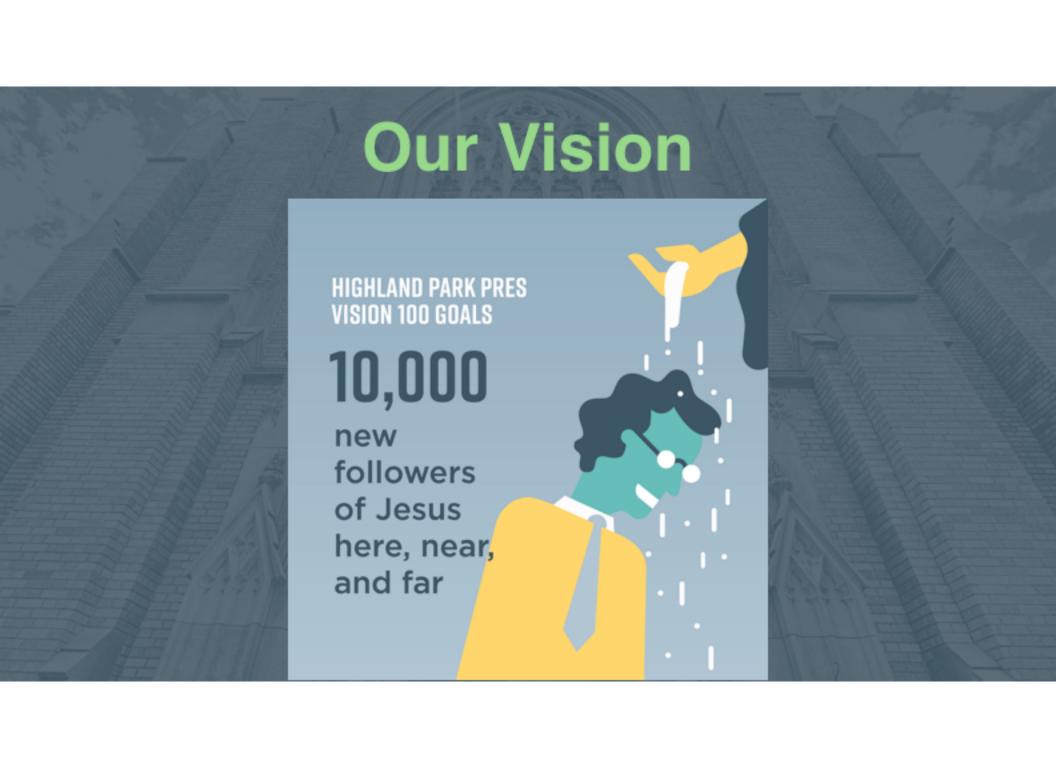
100%
of our
covenant
partners
growing as
followers
of Jesus



THREE MOVEMENTS OF THE

SPIRITUAL GROWTH PATHWAY







"The vigorous, continual planting of new congregations is the single most crucial strategy for (1) the numerical growth of the body of Christ in a city and (2) the continual corporate renewal and revival of the existing churches in a city." (Tim Keller)

"Planting new churches is the most effective evangelistic methodology known under heaven."

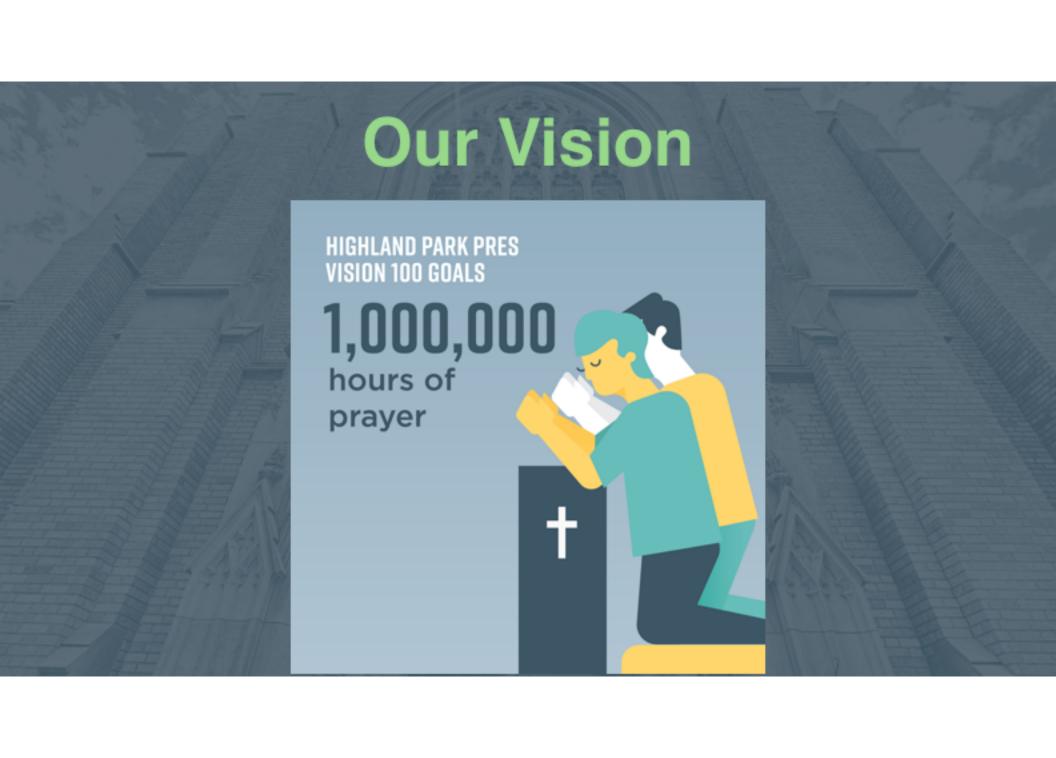
(Peter Wagner)

HIGHLAND PARK PRES VISION 100 GOALS

100

leaders raised from the next generation for Christ centered ministry







What are your reactions to Vision 100? What gets you excited? What gives you concern? What is unclear?



Why did HP Pres leave the PC(USA) to join ECO?

Why is it important to be connected to other churches?



ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians

The mission of ECO is to build flourishing churches that make disciples of Jesus Christ.

Covenant

To connect leaders in accountable relationships and encourage collaboration.

"Covenantal relationships provide the real-life context for the Holy Spirit's ongoing transformation of believers into spiritual maturity, by nurturing understanding, encouragement, correction, and discipleship-in-mission...they covenant with other ECO congregations to form a distinct expression of the Church universal."

(ECO Polity, 1.0102)

Order

To commit to a shared way of life as we unite around a shared theological core.

"We recognize that just as there are some central and foundational truths of the gospel affirmed by Christians everywhere, so too there are particular understandings of the gospel that define the Presbyterian and Reformed tradition. All Christians must affirm the central mysteries of the faith, and all those who are called to ordered ministries in a Presbyterian church must also affirm the essential tenets of the Reformed tradition."

(Essential Tenets, Intro)

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"Will you receive, adopt, and be bound by the Essential Tenets of ECO as a reliable exposition of what Scripture teaches us to do and to believe, and will you be guided by them in your life and ministry?" (ECO Polity, 2.0103)

Evangelical

To advance the gospel of Jesus Christ and plant new missional communities.

"Jesus Christ is the only Way to [salvation], the sole path by which sinners become children of God." (Essential Tenets, II. B)

"To this end, we preach Christ, calling all persons to repent and believe the gospel." (Essential Tenets, II. B)

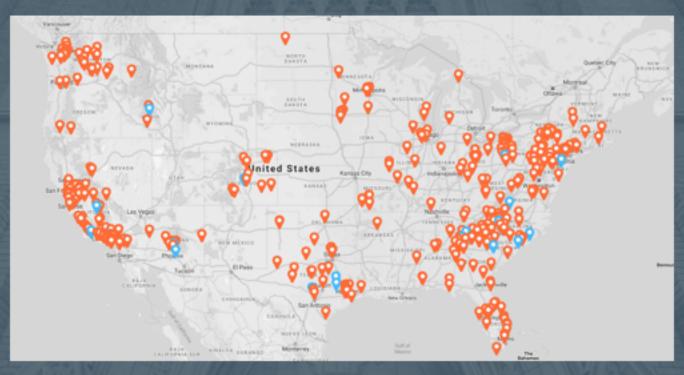
"Today we continue to order our lives by the "Great Commission" in ECO by planting new churches." (ECO Polity, 1.0201)

Presbyterian

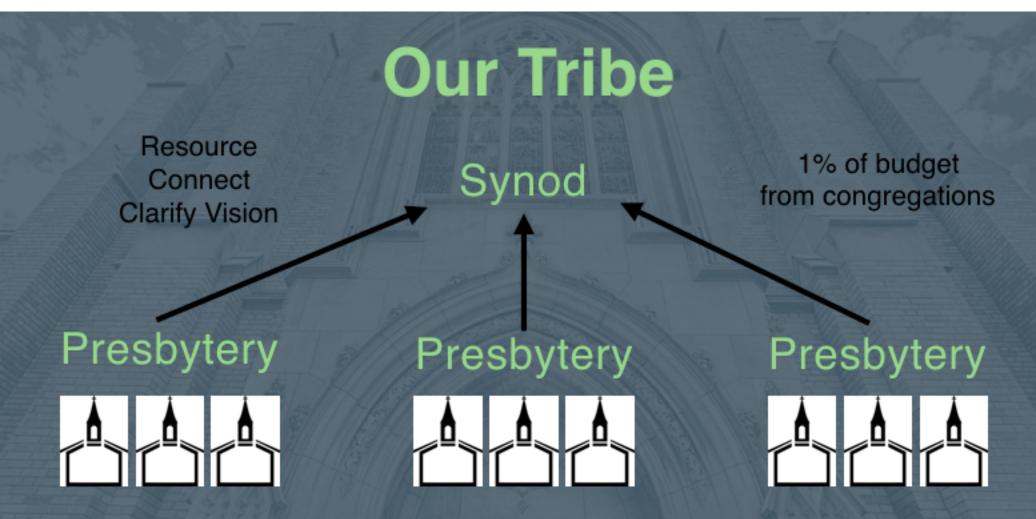
To stand within our Reformed heritage and celebrate the life of the mind.

"Historically, the Presbyterian tradition has been especially called to explore what it is to love God with all our minds, being committed to the ongoing project of Christian education and study at all levels of Christian life."

(Essential Tenets, III. D)



- · 380 churches
- 127,000 covenant partners
 - 400 cp's per church (Avg)
- 22 presbyteries
 - 37 churches in Texas
 - 4 in Dallas



ECO is a rapidly-growing Presbyterian denomination that exists to serve the local church reclaim a sense of covenanted, biblical community.

ECO'S 10 YEAR VISION



SUMMARY STATEMENT

"As ECO began, our desire was not simply to create another denomination, but to truly be a movement that captures the best of our Presbyterian and Reformed heritage to saturate a broken and hurting world with the transforming power of Jesus Christ. We are committed to reaching a new apex in our next decade of ministry, by envisioning 1000 planted, revitalized and flourishing ECO congregations and micro-expressions by 2030. To make this passion a reality, we must aggressively recruit, train, re-train and deploy 1000 vocational leaders and 10,000 highly invested lay-leaders. In doing so we see hundreds of thousands of movement-equipped people emerging for daily gospel influence."

