

# **Churches Against a Downtown Casino**

Churches For Human Flourishing in a Great City

- We are leaders of churches and faith communities across the city of Hamilton
- We are ...

• Anglican	• Missionary Alliance
• Associated Gospel	• Presbyterian
• Baptist	• Society of Friends (Quaker)
• Christian Reformed	• United Church
• Independent	

**Who are we?**

1. Dave Witt, International Teams Canada
2. Rick Jones, St Paul's Westdale, Archdeacon of Undermount
3. John Neary, Beasley Neighbourhood Association
4. Christopher Cutler, Society of Friends
5. Peter Wall, Christ's Church Cathedral, Dean of Niagara
6. Sue Channen, Christ's Church Cathedral
7. Lane Fusilier, Philpott Memorial Church
8. Jeff Strong, Grindstone Church
9. Leanne Friesen, Mount Hamilton Baptist Church
10. Aaron Gerrard, Ancaster Christian and Missionary Alliance Church
11. David Anderson, St John the Evangelist
12. Marcus Germaine, St John the Evangelist
13. Brian Henley, St John the Evangelist
14. Jared Both, Little Bethel
15. Liz McKenzie, Melrose United Church
16. Chris Schoon, First Christian Reformed Church
17. Randell Neudorf, The Commons
18. Matthew Griffin, Church of the Nativity
19. Fran Darlington, Christ Church Flamborough
20. David Pickett, St John the Evangelist, Ancaster
21. Matt Thompson, The Commons
22. Connan Kublik, New City Church
23. Ronda Ploughman, All Saints Church
24. Victor Laarman, First Christian Reformed Church
25. Tammy Heidbuurt, New Hope Church
26. Peter Goodwin, Immanuel Christian Reformed Church
27. Kevin Makins, Eucharist Church
28. Diana Stewart, Chair, Hamilton Presbytery of the United Church of Canada

- Three basic points.

**What we are "for"**

- St Paul speaks about civil authorities as “God’s servants” for the “good” of the people (Romans 13:40).

**“For” our civic leaders**

- “The word of the LORD came to Zechariah, saying: Thus says the LORD of hosts: Render true judgments, show kindness and mercy to one another; do not oppress the widow, the orphan, the alien, or the poor; and do not devise evil in your hearts against one another.”  
(Zechariah 7:8-10 NRSV)

**The measure of a leader**

“No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”  
(Matthew 6:24 NRSV)

**“For” people on the margins**

"Love your neighbour."

(Mark 12:31)

"But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed."

(Luke 14:13)

**Our neighbours**





Good Shepherd  
Faith in people.



WESLEY  
URBAN MINISTRIES

MISSION  
*Services*



Hamilton  
**Food Share**  
Hunger. It's just unacceptable.

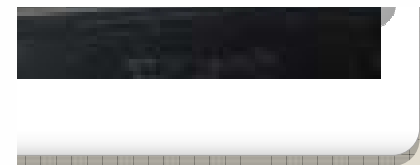
Micah  
House



Giving Hope Today



St. Matthew's House  
*Where Hope Lives*





**"For" a hopeful vision of the city**

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