

July 7, 1995

Dr. Bill McRae  
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Dear Dr. McRae,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus!

We've not met personally but perhaps I could simply introduce myself as a pastor and church planter who was a member of the research task force with Arnell Motz which sought to contribute to the 1990 Vision 2000 consultation in Ottawa with Reclaiming a Nation: The Challenge of Re-Evangelizing Canada by the Year 2000.

It was my privilege also to be with Dr. Don Moore and other Canadian delegates at the Global Consultation on World Evangelization May 16-25 in Seoul, Korea. What an inspiring time! In all likelihood you've already seen the helpful document drafted there as input to the AD 2000 and Beyond Movement and to Vision 2000 (titled 'Canadian Statement of Intent Towards AD2000 and Beyond').

I was pleased also to hear that Vision 2000 is considering a review of it's structure and methodology at this time. My view is that Vision 2000 has been strong on inspiration and networking and that the time has also come to add to these strengths initiatives in strategy to help implement the vision.

Please find enclosed my contribution to the 'Statement of Intent' proposal regarding the development of facilitating 'tracks' to maximize our effectiveness in evangelizing our nation. I thought you might be interested in some of the background and details of that portion of the AD 2000 'Statement.' The enclosed proposal has sought and incorporated input from Canadian GCOWE delegates.

Would it be possible to discuss the concept with you at your convenience sometime this summer, ideally before the Vision 2000 leadership meets again to plot its next steps?

Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Blessings to you for refreshment this summer!

Yours for the Re-Evangelization of our Nation,

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## **Proposal to Vision 2000**

**Proposal 1:** That Vision 2000 sharpen its mission focus by adding to its original statement as follows -

"Vision 2000 Canada seeks to serve the Body of Christ in evangelism (and church planting in every people group) so that every person in Canada will have the opportunity to see, hear and respond to the Gospel by the year 2000 (and become a responsible member of a living congregation of believers)."

### Reasons:

1. V2000 can increase its effectiveness by re-focusing on the internationally recognized missiological principle for national evangelism - church planting in every people group, language, and geographic area to a ratio of one evangelical church for every 2000 or less persons.
2. V2000 needs to focus on the priority of the local church. Disciple making has not taken place until the decision to follow Jesus has been demonstrated by baptism and life in Christian community.

**Proposal 2:** That Vision 2000 adopt a limited number of strategic mission mobilization categories, such as those used by the international AD 2000 and Beyond Movement, as the basic working framework for implementing the above mission mandate in Canada.

1. National Research: Function - to shed light on the harvest force and harvest field; the truth about the state and growth of the church, underevangelized regions and people groups, what's working and what's not, and other information helpful to reaching our nation for Christ. To communicate discoveries in a variety of media to the national church. To maintain and update a national research database and function.
2. Unreached Peoples: Function - to locate and identify unreached peoples within Canada, facilitate the translation and availability of Bibles and Christian literature as needed, identify and suggest effective reaching strategies, network workers and mobilize new workers. Also to encourage the use of a national 'adopt-

a-people' clearing house for Canada and for the Canadian Church's mission in the 10/40 window. Encourage holidays and early retirements in restricted and 10/40 nations.

3. Saturation Church Planting: Function - to encourage and resource a church planting movement with the goal of seeing Christ become incarnate in the life of a vital, witnessing congregation among every group of 500 to 1,000 people of every class, kind, and condition of Canadians.
4. Prayer Mobilization: Function - to network spiritual warriors for prayer and intercession for additional harvesters and intercessors, the renewal of the church, and the spiritual receptivity of the lost. This task force is central to the unfinished task. "History belongs to the intercessor" - Walter Wink.
5. Cities: Function - to network leaders in prayer evangelism and church planters for the establishing of vital, witnessing (in word and deed) congregations, culturally and geographically accessible to every community with special emphasis on ministry to the most needy: aboriginal peoples, immigrants especially from 10/40 countries, and the urban poor.
6. Saturation Evangelism and Small Group Leadership Development: Function - to a) enlist mission groups, denominations, and congregations that will take responsibility for the evangelization of a particular geographic territory or ethnolinguistic group, b) make available proven saturation evangelization strategies (eg. Jesus film, Every Home for Christ), and c) ensure leadership training opportunities for small group leaders of those who are reached.
7. Mobilization of Women: to equip, strengthen and encourage the largest half of the Canadian harvest force to strategize for active prayer groups, reaching the unreached within their own communities and in marginalized sub-cultures beyond, and in training women for church planting and national leadership in evangelism.
8. Mobilization of New Mobilizers and Missionaries: to inspire, recruit and train students and young adults to become mobilizers and missionaries in our own nation,

especially in our least evangelized province of Quebec, and especially into the critically needy 10/40 window. Possibly develop regional and city events to encourage such a student mission advance.

Reasons:

- a) These helpful, practical mission resource categories have been identified and used strategically by international mission movements and individual nations around the world.
- b) The Canadian Church wants to be both an effective harvest force within its borders and a full partner, as a sending nation, in the evangelization of the world, especially the 10/40 window.
- c) The task of evangelization and church planting is multi-faceted and cannot be completed by any one element of the national church.
- d) The Canadian Church has established and developing leadership for these task forces on national and regional levels. V2000 has in its years of networking come to know of many leadership resources. Mobilization will not be a lengthy or difficult process.

**Initial Task Force Development:**

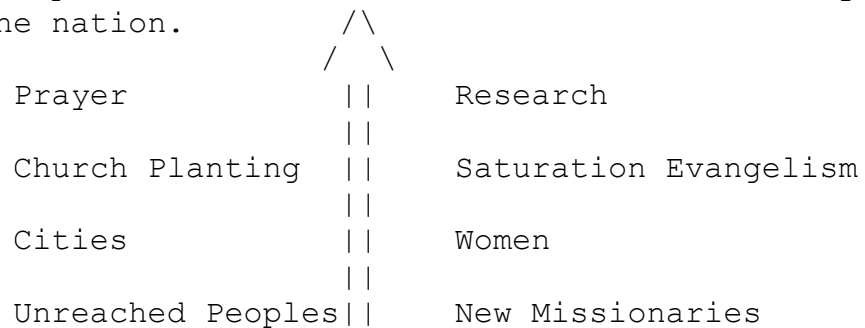
1. Nationally: The invitation to participate in these mission mobilization tracks would be prayerfully extended by V2000. Those who respond would be linked (phone, fax) and trusted to prayerfully choose leadership and form infrastructure. Some of these functions already exist, at least in part. The team building process should continue to be open to new workers and leaders.
2. Locally: Each task force would seek to identify regional and local leaders as deemed necessary to maximize effectiveness.

National and local task forces are empowered to take initiative, are functional and ad hoc in nature and do not have fixed terms or numbers for their membership.

**Task Force Integration:**

1. Nationally: V2000 gathers the national church periodically (2-5 yrs.) to review updated research, set church planting and evangelism implementation goals in a consultative process, report and celebrate progress.
2. Locally: Task forces meet and work together formally and informally as needed.

Goal: (future perfect) - Jesus Christ incarnate in every aspect of the nation.

**Validation of Existing and/or New Tracks (aka Accountability):**

These task forces are basic and may well be an adequate networking structure by which to mobilize the national church to reach Canada for Christ.

For these or new tracks to be validated volunteer leaders should be willing to demonstrate on an annual basis that:

- a) The track contributes directly to the mobilization of the church for the evangelization of our nation and be viewed as doing so by denominational leaders.
- b) The track is willing consultatively to set and work towards specific, measurable, strategic goals and to share these broadly inviting others also to join in prayer, participation, and working towards their accomplishment.

**Other Common Elements:**

- a) Each track relates to the AD 2000 & Beyond international parallel tracks for resources and networking as deemed helpful to the common task.
- b) Each track actively encourages prayer for the evangelization mobilization work of their track and relates to the Prayer Mobilization track.
- c) Each track raises and disburses funds as needed.
- d) Each track produces and/or suggests resource materials.
- e) Each track links people willing to work with them coast-to-coast and continually decentralizes the task.
- f) Each track may also well be involved in some research and leadership training related to their area.

**The Role/Structure of Vision 2000 Nationally:**

1. Continues to encourage vision, hope, commitment and cooperation, facilitate national and regional conferences in consultation with track leaders.
2. The V2000 board might best be composed of one or two of the leaders of each track.

Murray Moerman - May 22, 1995