CARE GROUP PRINCIPLES – Part 1
Gateway Adventist Centre

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CURRENT PARADIGM of Soul-Winning in Churches Today

- 100,000 people
- 25,000 people
- 50 people
- 10 people
- 5 people
- 0.5 people

1 in 4
2 per 1000
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12mths
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We need a PARADIGM SHIFT - The Statistics Shows We Are Going Backwards!

- Australian population growth between 1984 -2004 approx 5 million
- Australian Adventist Growth Between 1984-2004. Baptisms/Professions of Faith - Deaths and Apostasies
- 4540.
- Less than 1000 for every million in Australia’s population growth
- We are going backwards!

Take a local Conference Example:
- 9960 members attending church in Victoria
- 5% apostasy, death, missing = 498
- Baptisms + Profession last 3 years less than 300
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We need a PARADIGM SHIFT - My own local church example …

• 150 people church attendees
• Founded in 1982 (28 years old)
• A few years ago – happy with 2 to 3 baptisms
• No evangelistic outreach
• But busy ‘doing stuff’ … has deep desire to do something
• Long for something better but what?
Q & A
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1885 SN Haskell & Co came to start work in Melbourne – no SDA church in the heart of the city of Melbourne till 2003 when Gateway Adventist Centre started

Per capita Melbourne has the worst ratio of SDA to the population. 20 years ago there were 5 City apartments; Today there are 240 City apartments
How do we change the paradigm to have a Soul-Winning Group?
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The New Testament Church …

- **Acts 2:41-46**
  - Meeting ‘house to house’

- **Acts 5:42**
  - ‘every house’

- **Acts 20:20**
  - Message to Elders of Ephesians
  - ‘taught you publicly’ and ‘house to house’

- **John 13:34-35**
  - ‘love one another’ = You are My Disciples
  - Need to create an environment where people can see this!

- **John 17:20-21**
  - Believers are to be ONE – so the world can see Christ
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Care Groups (Home-based)
• Cheaper
• Weekly, Year Round
• Bond with Believers
• More lifestyle-based
• Love of Christ seen in the believers
• Many Member participates
• Can be informal
• See Unity of believers
“... the world may believe that You sent Me.” John 17:20-21
About 70% of people at Gateway attends CARE groups

Cultivate Friendship and Trust in CARE Groups
Gateway adopts a ‘Cycle’ of Evangelism

**DISCOVERIES IN REVELATION’S PROPHECY**

**KARRALYKA CENTRE**, Mines Road, Ringwood East

*BOOK YOUR FREE SEATS: 1800 776 874*

- **TOCC1.1**: Amazing Discoveries in the Lost Cities of the Dead – Friday, April 20, 7:30pm
- **TOCC1.2**: Prophecy predicts The World’s Next Superpower – Sunday, April 22, 2:30pm
- **TOCC1.3**: How near is The End? – Thursday, April 26, 7:30pm
- **TOCC1.4**: The Jesus Myth – Friday, April 27, 7:30pm

**NORTH MELBOURNE TOWN HALL**, 521 Queensberry Street, North Melbourne

*BOOK YOUR FREE SEATS: 1800 776 874*

- **TOCC1.1**: Amazing Discoveries in the Lost Cities of the Dead – Saturday, April 21, 10:00am
- **TOCC1.2**: Prophecy predicts The World’s Next Superpower – Sunday, April 22, 2:00pm
- **TOCC1.3**: How near is The End? – Thursday, April 26, 2:00pm
- **TOCC1.4**: The Jesus Myth – Friday, April 27, 2:00pm

**ULTIMA FUNCTION CENTRE**, 220 Keilor Park Drive & Ely Court, Keilor

*BOOK YOUR FREE SEATS: 1800 776 874*

- **TOCC1.1**: Amazing Discoveries in the Lost Cities of the Dead – Monday, April 23, 7:30pm
- **TOCC1.2**: Prophecy predicts The World’s Next Superpower – Wednesday, April 25, 2:30pm
- **TOCC1.3**: How near is The End? – Friday, April 27, 2:30pm
- **TOCC1.4**: The Jesus Myth – Monday, April 30, 2:30pm

**COMING TO MELBOURNE**

Beginning Friday, April 20, Saturday, April 21 and Monday, April 23

**OPENING TOPIC:**

Amazing Discoveries in the Lost Cities of the Dead

**FREE ADMISSION**
“... the world may believe that You sent Me.” John 17:20-21
Summary

- There are public evangelism centred on the WORD
- There are home-based, loving Christian small groups
- People can see Christ in the lives of the disciples
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What is Gateway Adventist Center (GAC)?

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We need a PARADIGM SHIFT - if we are ever to ‘finish the work’.
1968

What nation will dominate the world of watch making?
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Switzerland

65% of world sales

80% of the profits
1980 Watch Industry

What nation will dominate the world of watch making?
1980 Watch Industry

What nation will dominate the world of watch making?

No longer Switzerland
< 10% of world sales
< 20% of the profits
Swiss Watch Industry

What happened?

• Paradigm shift happened in terms of how watches were to be made from mechanical to electronic quartz technology

• Japan went from less than 1% market share to 33%

• Irony of it all Swiss had invented the electronic quartz watch in 1967 but is manufactures rejected it and Seiko took the idea to Japan
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Five families came from USA to Melbourne to start the SDA work in 1885.

After (a) 2 evangelistic meetings, (b) literature distribution – house to house work and (c) home Bible readings – 90 people formed the first church.

6 years later Ellen White came in 1891 where there were 700 members in multiple churches.

North Fitzroy SDA church is the oldest church in Australia.
“The three ministers began a home-visitation program, giving Bible readings and holding cottage meetings at every opportunity.” p.74  (3 months earlier)

“In September … the tent was erected in North Fitzroy. Elder Corliss opened a series of Bible lectures. The first night’s attendance was 200. Some had come from homes where Bible readings were being held.” p.77

SN Haskell – Pioneering in Australia
“The work of God in this earth can never be finished until the men and women comprising our church membership rally to the work and unite their efforts with those of ministers and church officers.”

Testimonies Vol 9. p.116
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Young People with a Burden to Reach Out - 1999

Melbourne 1999

Melbourne City

Port Philip Bay
Young People with a Burden to Reach Out - 1999

Melbourne 1999

Forest Hill Asian SDA Church

Melbourne City

Port Philip Bay
Aug 1999 – Comments from young people

“Friday night vespers is great ... we have 50 people attending ... no need to reach out and grow”

“We can make the friends but we do not know how to share the message to them ...”

Apr 2000 – Revival Program with Revival Speaker

Revival of the word - The Seventh-Day Adventist church is not merely a church but a movement called for the last days.

We have a unique value proposition to the world – the everlasting gospel in the context of the three angels messages.
STEP 1

‘The book of Revelation, in connection with the book of Daniel, especially demands study. Let every God-fearing teacher consider how most clearly to comprehend and to present the gospel that our Saviour came in person to make known to His servant John …

STEP 2

When a real love for the Bible is awakened, and the student begins to realize how vast is the field and how precious its treasure, he will desire to seize upon every opportunity for acquainting himself with God's word…’

– Education p.191
STEP 3

‘Let the youth of today, the youth who are growing up with the Bible in their hands, become the recipients and the channels of its life-giving energy, and what streams of blessing would flow forth to the world!’

– Education p.192

STEP 4

Training Small Group Leaders each Thursday Evening on skills – group dynamics, bible knowledge and reading the book ‘Evangelism’ by Ellen G White.
What is the uniqueness of the Seventh-Day Adventist message?
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God is raising a prophetic movement of destiny, that prepare the world physically, mentally, spiritually for Jesus second coming.
‘In a special sense Seventh-day Adventist’s have been set in the world as watchmen and light bearers…They have been given a work of great import the work of the first, second and third angels’ messages’

– Evangelism p.119
‘Elder K … occupies the same place with the Sabbath as the Seventh day Baptists. Separate the Sabbath from the messages, and it loses its power but when connected with the messages of the third angel, a power attends it which convicts unbelievers and infidels, and brings them out with strength to stand, to live, grow and flourish in the Lord.’

– Testimonies vol.1  p337
Spiritual Revival by the WORD

Clear Adventist Identity
Homes is often more successful

‘The presentation of Christ in the family, ... and in small gatherings in private homes is often more successful in winning souls to Jesus than are sermons ... in halls or churches.’

– Christian Service  p.122
Belong > Belief > Be Transformed

Create environment of belonging to show the love of God
Cycle of Evangelism – Each Year we have Evangelistic Meetings in the city
“Gateway is a very unique church because it has targeted not a worship style to attract but ... to be authentic New Testament Biblical community and what is important to us - is openly follow the Christian principles of the Bible. That has attracted young people to them. It may teach us something as a religious community.”

Pr Mark Finley, General Conference Vice President
Hope TV Report, July 2007
Shared Vision & Shared Values

Two most powerful Levers in the Local Church
Leadership Levers
Leadership Levers

$ / Compensation
Leadership Levers

- $ / Compensation
- Hire / Fire
Leadership

Levers

$ / Compensation

Hire / Fire
Gateway will be a soul-winning and training centre that multiplies churches in 3 years.
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‘With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, mightily furnished, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!’ – Education p.271
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