



**Church of the Redeemer
Visions of Ministry
Open Space Report**

Topic:

**Welcome to the 'Hood
Welcome to Redeemer – Why & How?**

Summary of Key Discussion Points:

- Welcome to condo residents:
 - Four Seasons Hotel at 21 Avenue Road will be pulled down and new condos built
 - New neighbours on Bloor Street
 - New condos being built at Yonge and Bloor
- People have come from other parts of the city and may have come from other faith communities.
- Aging people are facing new issues – loss, transition, new community.
- Powerful way to connect. We have a lot to offer new neighbours!
- Detachment of condo dwellers – keep out.
- Reaching out to hotels.
- Brochures/Flyers
- Ring the bells!
- Sign
- Go to them?
- Ongoing open the doors! Keep up appearances, lights on, flowers, tidy.
- Afternoon coffee party - i.e. come meet your neighbours.
- Can we use the plaza for gatherings outdoors?

- Ask for space elsewhere and make this known as a form of advertising.
- Outreach worker to make the rounds; funding for summer students.
- Reaching out at times of need – e.g. illness, death.
- How to find out what the needs are – what are people who've moved here looking for?
- Worth exploring making use of Renaissance Plaza?
- Youth, lunch guests and ? – Intergenerational Café.
- Vertical population.
- Happenstance – ready to welcome folks who discover.
- Brad Lennon – Expertise is ministry to condo dwellers.
- Floor Party – advertise this well – music as part of that!
- Select times of year – e.g. 3-4 years.
- Cooperate/collaborate with Muslim, Jewish and Christian faith and focus on climate change, U of T – Multi-faith Council, series of speakers
- David Harrison – lessons learned from Brooklyn and new growth
- “How do I get in?” as a key question. How do we get in to condos? How do condo dwellers get in to Redeemer?
- What would **we** come out to? As a means to discern what might attract others.
 - History of Yorkville Village
 - Windows – e.g. ROM does tours of stained glass – Corey Keeble – be a way of coming through the doors.
 - Concert
 - Author
 - Leonard Cohen!
 - Recital – Organ – fling the door open and encourage coming in akin to Nuit Blanche.

Next Steps:

- Connect to Brad Lennon
- Determine WHY we want to reach out; what do we have to offer?
- Determine HOW to reach out!

Comment: parishioners remembered how Ruth Fox used to walk around to places in the area with flyers about events at Redeemer. She was received and loved by our neighbours.