



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

Topic: **Wild, Crazy, Bold Ideas**

Summary of Key Discussion Points:

- Invite Marcus Borg to a big deal symposium
- Acquire a Tim Horton's franchise (our own oil well***)
- Project the sanctuary on large screen on Bloor. Get the inside out (even just sound).
- Partner with other congregations to meet needs for outreach – i.e. physical space, \$\$, volunteers.
- Rock (Hip Hop) Eucharist for youth.
- Sistering with community church in North.
- Turn frontage on Bloor and Avenue Road into glass.
- Standing in witness on Redeemer steps once a month to communicate an issue of concern to Redeemer (i.e. poverty, LGBT rights, human rights, housing, refugees/immigration etc).
- Invite our guests to be with us at Bishop's Company dinner.
- Buy back the building around us – open retail/service industry – business to provide training/work experience for lunch program folks (e.g. breakfast place).
- Rent the movie theatre.
- Solar paneled roof/south face.
- Eliminate paper bulletins in 5 years – all on PDAs.

- Encourage lunch program partners to create internships for lunch guests.
- Host a youth event for all teens in Toronto.
- Add carbon footprint accounting to our financial statements.

*** Oil Well Reference: Peter Elliott told us on Friday evening about someone who left Christ Church Cathedral in Houston an oil well in his will. This generates about \$186,000 revenue a month for the cathedral.