

Hello Gracepointers!

As we walk through this season of transition between Lead Pastors, it is important for us to know who we are as the Gracepoint church community.

This Gracepoint Community Book is an opportunity for us to learn more about the people who make up our congregation, and for us as individual believers to share how Gracepoint, and our faith, has impacted our lives. It is my hope and my prayer that this project will allow us to reflect on the past of Gracepoint, record who we are as a church community at this point in time, and grow to know the stories of those we may not yet have had the opportunity to meet, forming a stronger community as we move toward our newest chapter.

What do we want from you? We would love it if you could submit one of the following: either a response to one of the listed prompts, or a related story, poem, or song. You could even submit a picture or a drawing! The prompts are included below, and print copies will be available at the Welcome Centre. Submissions can be up to one page long, so as to allow as many people as possible to participate. Your name and email will be included with your response, to encourage further conversations and connections. If you are willing, we would love it if you could submit a picture of yourself or your family along with your contribution!

Where is my information going? Your information will not be put online; there will only be a few copies of the book, kept here at the church to be signed out.

How do I participate? Send email responses to interns@gracepoint.ca, or leave handwritten notes at the Welcome Centre.

Submissions will be open until August 9th. The book will then be compiled and printed, and available to borrow from the Welcome Centre!

No matter how long you have been coming to Gracepoint, what ministry you are involved in, or how old you are, we want to hear from you! I am looking forward to reading your stories, and getting to know this family better. Thank you!

- Sofia Sutton, MCC Summerbridge Intern

PROMPTS:

Faith:

<p>1.</p>	<p>Psalm 66:16 NIV Come and hear, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me.</p> <p>Psalm 145:4 NIV One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.</p> <p>Q. What is your testimony? How has your faith changed or strengthened?</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>Psalm 108:1-5 NIV A song. A psalm of David. My heart, O God, is steadfast; I will sing and make music with all my soul. Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn. I will praise you, LORD, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples. For great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.</p> <p>Q. What is your favourite worship song or hymn, and why?</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Hebrews 4:12 NIV For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.</p> <p>Psalm 119:15 ESV I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.</p> <p>Q. What is your favourite verse, or book of the Bible, and why?</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Q. Which person from the Bible do you most relate to, and why?</p>

5.	<p>1 Corinthians 12:28 NIV And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues.</p> <p>Q. What are your spiritual gifts, and how has God led you to use them?</p>
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Gracepoint/Church Community:

6.	<p>Q. Why did you choose Gracepoint as your home church?</p>
7.	<p>Q. What has been your favourite or most meaningful experience at Gracepoint?</p>
8.	<p>Colossians 3:23-24 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.</p> <p>Q. What has been the most impactful service opportunity that you have participated in at Gracepoint?</p>
9.	<p>1 Thessalonians 2:7b - 8 Just as a nursing mother cares for her children, so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.</p> <p>Q. What is the most impactful thing another Christian has said to or done for you? Who are your spiritual mentors?</p>
10.	<p>1 Corinthians 12:12-14 NIV Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.</p> <p>Q. What part of the body of Christ do you consider yourself?</p>

*Related poems, stories, and images are welcome, and will be included at the editor’s discretion.