



PATH City/County Model

Mission

To ignite a great awakening by linking arms with other Christians to glorify Jesus through humble, unified, desperate prayer and action.

Vision

- Prayer at the heart of every Christian, family, church, business, institution and city.
- Christians to unite in prayer and action to share God's love across the City/County.¹
- A Missional model of Church that is repeatable and sustainable.
- Christians to bless and pray with 'Lost and Broken people.'
- Thousands of people saved and disciplined to follow Jesus.
- The transformation of culture in line with the Kingdom of God.
- See appendix 1 for the biblical basis for the PATH mission, vision and strategy.

Strategy

- On-going prayer and intercession for the City/County.
- A City/County planning team.
- 3 days of focused prayer and evangelization across the City/County in 2/3 Tents of Meeting in the most 'needy areas,' followed by a central gathering on days 4 and 5, for thanksgiving, praise and worship, testimony, altar call, and call to action/next steps.
- 5 days on alternate weeks in 2 or more parts of the City/County to encourage service between the churches and ministries (across ethnic and cultural lines).
- Unity - All the Church in the City supports the local initiatives.
- See appendix 2 for Characteristics and Values.

¹ Christians unite in the person of Jesus – differences on topics such as baptism, the sacraments, end times etc. remain with the buildings!

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Implementation Plan

Prayer and Intercession

- Appoint a leader/s to coordinate the prayer initiatives including:
 - ‘Rooftop Encounters’ – to hear from God for your city/county.
 - Prayer meetings – face to face, on-line, telephone etc.
 - Prayer walks.
 - Fasting.
 - Declaration/Proclamation.

Structure

A small central team to serve the churches and ministries – 3.5 Full Time for 3 months before the city/county initiative (alternatively, the roles can be split between many people). **It’s critical to appoint people who have been gifted by God for the role and not just a volunteer! For example, have they done a similar role before?**

Leader/s for PATH in the City/County

To develop, coordinate and implement the City/County plan, working humbly with:

- the leader for prayer and intercession;
- the church and ministry leaders, media etc.;
- the PATH national/regional leaders;
- partners, including donors; and
- the key functional leaders.

Leader/s for Key Functions including:

1. **Communications, Marketing & PR** (this could be covered by several individuals)

Working with the PATH leader/s identify and implement a communication plan covering:

- I. What needs to be communicated;
- II. To whom – internal and external;
- III. When; and
- IV. How - Internal - written, Zoom, F2F etc.
 - External – social media, radio, TV, film/video etc. (in the NE Ohio pilot, social media was the most effective and radio and leaflets ineffective).

2. **Operations** (this could be covered by several individuals)

To cover all other items, including:

- I. Tents of Meeting;
- II. On-line initiatives e.g. Gloop, BEH etc.
- III. Bookkeeping;
- IV. Partnerships;
- V. Training;

- VI. Follow up;
- VII. Volunteers;
- VIII. Public Sq./Park gathering.
- IX. Other – legal, insurance etc.;

3. **IT** (Part Time role)

To support the infrastructure for the central team

1. Communication, Marketing and PR – what, where, how and when.

- Efficient and effective communication of the mission, vision, strategy and tactics:
 - to churches and ministries;
 - on social media and other channels such as radio, TV, print etc.; and
 - other channels (NB in the NE Ohio pilot – radio, leaflets and mass mailing (to every pastor) were **not** effective).
- Start communicating the events 4 weeks out.
- Ensure the branding and messaging is consistent e.g. web site, social media, email etc.
- Check and double check that commitments are carried through (work with the Operations person) e.g. to serve in a TOM.
- Regularly encourage people to Text HOPE to 216-293-6655 if they’re interested in becoming a Christian, they want to volunteer, donate, and/or want information on PATH – see appendix 5.
- Ensure consistency of message and branding – always loving and respectful.
- We must deliver what we say.
- Funding – let people know how to donate to PATH – on-line, text, mail etc.

2. Operations

To cover all other items, including:

I. Tents of Meeting – see appendix 3

Coordinate the Tents of Meeting (TOM) including:

- Provision of the TOM (free or rented);
- Location;
- Resourcing – teams for welcome, ambiance, resources etc.;
- Scheduling – ministries, people, worship teams, training, follow up etc.

II. On-line initiatives e.g. Gloop, BEH etc.

- Establish a team to manage the contacts that come through the Gloop partnership.
- Appoint someone to oversee and promote the BEH initiative.
- Be alert for other on-line partnerships for PATH to reach ‘Lost and Broken people.’
- Work closely with the Communications, Marketing and PR team to promote the on-line initiatives.
- See appendix 4 for more information

III. Bookkeeping

- Manage the collection, bookkeeping and banking of all donations.
- Provide MI to the leader/s.

IV. Partnerships – see appendix 4

- Manage the efficient and effective operation of all partnerships.
- Provide MI to the Communication/PR team.
- Adjust the process when needed.

V. Training – see appendix 5

- Ensure all volunteers go through the ‘3 Circles’ training [click here](#)
- Provide on-line training to volunteers.

VI. Follow up – see appendix 5

Ask people to text HOPE to 216 293 6655 and we will follow up with people as follow:

- I want to volunteer. *We send them a list of ministries* to contact and engage them in the PATH roll out.*
- I’m interested in becoming a Christian. *We will point them to the on-line 3 Circles presentation and Foundations course and link them to a local church/Alpha course.*
- I need help in my life, but don’t know where to turn. *We will send them a list of ministries* to contact and link them to a local church/Alpha course.*
- Send me updates about Prayer at the Heart. We add them to our distribution list.

VII. Volunteers

- Recruit volunteers on line, in face to face meetings etc.
- Connect volunteers to their preferred ministry e.g. prayer, specialty ministry.
- Work with the communications team to ensure volunteers understand what, where, when and how they will be serving in the TOM and/or the central gathering.

VIII. Public Sq./Park gathering – see appendix 6.

IX. Other – legal, insurance etc.;

Address the legal, insurance and other items that may arise from the PATH initiatives.

3. **IT** Support all the IT needs of the Central Team, the TOM and the public gathering.

Pastors and Ministry Leaders

Provide clear succinct briefing to pastors and ministry leaders to ensure they understand:

- The heart and values of PATH;
- The commitment to unity and mobilization;
- This is a movement, not an event;
- Which TOM they will be supporting
- The commitment to serve e.g. provide a worship team for a TOM; Etc.

Expenses and Funding

The PATH NE Ohio pilot cost, including the 40 days of 10 TOM and the gathering in Cleveland Public Sq. cost \$143,000. However, we plan to do the model recommended in this paper in NE Ohio in the Fall for under \$30,000.

Biblical Basis for PATH

We believe God’s word has the strategy to see a great awakening across the land.

Unity

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

“...that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. John 17:23

Christians are unified in the person of Jesus. We focus on Him as we reach out to ‘Lost and Broken people.’ The things that divide are left within ‘the buildings’ e.g. issues such as the sacraments, baptism, end times etc.

‘By my name’ – our only focus is Jesus – to exalt His name.

Humility – dependence on God, serving one another with broken spirits and contrite hearts.

Prayer, fasting and intercession – we are desperate for God because we know only He can rescue America!

Turn from our wicked ways (selfish ways) – our home is heaven – we are sojourners with a mission on earth to glorify God by finishing the work He has given us, to rescue precious souls for eternity!

Mobilize

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 6:12

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. 2 Corinthians 4:4

“You are the light of the world...let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthews 5:14,16

He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. Luke 9:2

Lord appointed seventy-two^(a) others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go... Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' Luke 10:1, 9

"I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven." Luke 10:18

To shift the spiritual darkness over the nation that influences culture, government, the education system, juridical system, business, etc., the light has to shine. God could do this without any involvement by Christians but, in every move of God through history, He has always done it through His people.

Scripture and history give the answer. When Christians unify and mobilize the darkness shifts, the Kingdom of God is revealed and there is a transformation of culture and society.

Christians must unify and mobilize!

Characteristics and Values

- PATH is an organic Movement of Hope that flows from the Heart! Proverbs 4:23
- Jesus first and only!
- The motivation is a love for Jesus Christ and a longing to see Him glorified on earth as He is in Heaven.
- Founded and lead by God’s word, in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Run by Christians from all ‘tribes, and tongues and ages’ working together in unity with a single purpose – to exalt the name of Jesus Christ through prayer and evangelism.
- Volunteer based.
- Dependent on God for financial and other resources.
- There is no political agenda.
- PATH is not about any big names, ministries etc.
- Leaders have received Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord and are living in line with God’s word.

Values

- Pray continually about the mission, strategy and implementation plan.
- Praise and thank God for His provision of resource and fruit.
- Live by God’s word - memorize scripture.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you daily- don’t grieve, quench or resist Him.
- No unwholesome words – don’t grieve the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 4:29-30
- Love - from God and to others.
- In God’s love there is light that dispels the darkness.
- Grace and truth (in that order).
- Wisdom from above - James 3:17
- Humility - dependence on God and serving one another.
- Walk by Faith - God is in control!
- Courage - Go and do it!
- Mercy - forgiveness triumphs
- The Cross - die daily - don’t take offense.
- Excellence with grace – aim for excellence, be quick to forgive errors.
- Radical generosity.
- Have a big vision – Daniel 11:32
- Be an encourager – God is with us and for us!
- God is our provider – 2 Corinthians 9:8, Hebrews 13:20-21, 2 Thessalonians 1:11
- Work in the unforced rhythms of His grace – Matthews 11:28-30 MSG).
- Integrity – deliver what you say.
- Make every effort to live at peace with everyone...Hebrews 12:14 – avoid politics, denominational or other contentious issues – **Focus on Jesus and Him alone.**
- PATH is a movement not an event!

Tents of Meeting

A Tent of Meeting (TOM) is a safe neutral place where people can experience God's love in practical ways, such as help and prayer for addicts, the mentally ill, marriage and families etc., and during times of gentle praise, worship and prayer.

- Local Tents of Meeting (TOM) in a Public area (Sq., park etc.) for 3 days (e.g. Wednesday to Friday).
- Activity in the TOM to be owned by local churches and ministries.
- Praise, worship, prayer and ministry to take place from 12pm-2pm.
- Christians serve with specialty ministries from 2.30pm-6pm, to meet local needs such as addicts, mentally ill, Seniors, Business Community etc.
- Evangelism – various initiatives to reach 'Lost and Broken people.'
- Every evening 6.30pm-9pm has a specific theme:
 - ✓ Gen Z Ministry – praise, worship and prayer;
 - ✓ Prayer for the Sick – praise, worship, ministry and prayer; and
 - ✓ Night of Hope – praise, worship, testimonies and an alter call.
- Where possible use tents owned by Christians. 30' x 60' is a good size to seat 150 people. Have a team of people responsible for:
 - The scheduling;
 - Greeters;
 - Resources – Bibles, training etc.
 - Responders and Follow up;
 - Praise and worship; and
 - The ambiance in the TOM.
- A large (e.g. 1,000 seat tent) located in a public location e.g. a park, on the 4th and 5th days – Saturday and Sunday - for thanksgiving, praise and worship, testimony, alter call, and call to action/next steps.
- Response forms are digitized (entered on-line) to ensure efficient follow up.
- Training for outreach and follow up – [click for more information](#)
- Teams to manage:
 - ✓ On line connections;
 - ✓ Marketing and PR;
 - ✓ Follow up;
 - ✓ Funding;
 - ✓ Etc.

[Click here for more information on the TOM during the NE Ohio Pilot.](#)

Partners

During the PATH pilot in NE Ohio, we were humbled to link arms with the following national/global ministries.

- **Bless Every Home:** We used the App to encourage prayer and outreach for every home in NE Ohio. Contact chris@blesseveryhome.com to strategically link PATH in your City/County.
- **Gloo:** 'Lost and Broken people' in the on-line world e.g. needing help for addiction, mental health or just wanting to know about Jesus, are linked to churches/Christians in the NEO pilot. See appendix 7. PATH is forming a national partnership with Gloo - more information to follow.
- **National Day of Prayer:** 5/4/23 Various activities taking place across NE Ohio.
- **Project Pray:** A team of Korean intercessors prayed in different churches in NE Ohio from 5/3 – 5/7 Schedule: <https://prayerattheheart.org/neohio/>
- **Rooftop Encounters:** The Rooftop ministry takes its name from the account of Peter on The Rooftop in Acts chapter 10. Christians gather on a rooftop to pray and hear from God on how to reach their community with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Several encounters took place as part of the PATH NE Ohio Pilot. Contact JohnWhaley@therooftop.org to arrange rooftop encounters in your City/County.
- **The Dalton Foundation:** provided a master list of all the organizations in NE Ohio (faith based and secular) who provide help and assistance for people in need. We used these in the TOM. Contact bcampbell@thedaltonfoundation.org for more information.

See www.prayerattheheart.org for other local and national ministries that partnered with in the PATH pilot in NE Ohio.

Training and Follow Up

The goal is for every Christian serving in a PATH initiative to be trained and comfortable in sharing the gospel with a 'Lost and Broken' person

We use on-line training for the 3 Circles method of sharing the gospel. [Click here for the training.](#)

Face to face and Zoom calls are used to train and brief Christians on how the TOM and other parts of the PATH roll out work.

Response and Follow Up

We have an automated process, to follow up with people as follows:

People are encouraged to text HOPE to 216 293 6655. The text response asks them to complete their contact information and then to check one or more of the following options (our follow up is in red):

- I want to volunteer. We send them a list of ministries* to contact and engage them in the PATH roll out.
- I'm interested in becoming a Christian. We will point them to the [on-line 3 Circles presentation and Foundations course](#) (these are being added to the web site) and link them to a local church/Alpha course.
- I need help in my life, but don't know where to turn. We send them a list of ministries* to contact and link them to a local church/Alpha course.
- Send me updates about Prayer at the Heart. We add them to our distribution list.

Public Sq./Park Gathering Agenda

Purpose

- To thank, praise and worship God, including thanksgiving for the fruit during the TOM.
- To proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord of the City.
- To pray for the City, including government, specific needs and the Church.
- To commit and agree to continue to pray and evangelize the City going forward.

Sample Agenda (from the NE Ohio Pilot)

Cleveland Public Square June 17th 12pm – 6pm

Agenda

Time	What	Who
11:25 am	Opening Videos & Praise and Worship	
11:45	First Nations Worship	Alex and Brandi Castillo
Noon	Welcome and Prayer	Gerard Long PATH, Exec Director Dr. Doug Small PATH, Chairman
12:05	Video – Pledge of Allegiance	
12:10	Welcome to the land - Native American’s 4 praying and 5 others on stage	Minister Joe Cross (Lakota tribe) Christalyn Concho Taos Pueblo Nation Apostles Pat and Lori Grant (Coherie and Lakota tribes) Chief Billy Little Soldier for the Munsee Delaware Tribe, OH Apostolic & Warrior Terri “Windtalker” Clah (Navajo Nation)
12:20	Framing the Day	Gerard Long- PATH, Exec Director Joe Soltis – PATH Board
12:30	Prayers of Thanksgiving	Jonathan Schaeffer Sr. Pastor, Grace Church, Middleburg Heights Dr. Larry Macon President, United Pastors in Mission Fr. Bob Stec, St. Ambrose Parish
12:40	Praise and Worship	Nathan Ironside & Journey Church band
12:55	Prayers to Consecrate the Nation and return to God in prayer and action	The Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic – Catholic Bishop of Cleveland
1:05	Prayers to Consecrate the Nation and return to God in prayer and action – lead the people to engage through prayer	Dr. Doug Small, PATH Chairman Apostle Vontayne Smith
1:15	Video Testimony and Prayer	Pastor Brian Obedience

1:20	"In a world of bad news, what is the good news?"	Fr. Damian Ference
1:25	Unity of the Body of Christ	Pastor Franklin Smith, Kenny Morrero Barbara Campbell
1:35	Celebration of Unity Commitment to love one another Initiate on the platform and they invite the audience to follow - Tossie Wiley	Tossie Wiley, Apostle Joseph Prude, Gail Reese Bp. Omar Medina, Lynnet Figueroa Tom Hare
1:50	Praise and Worship	Nathan Ironside & Journey Church band
2:10	Prayers for God's Heart The Great Command – commitment to love	John Whaley, North America Pioneer, The Rooftop International. Dr. Paul Endrei
2:15	The Great Commission	Pastor David Hill
2:20	40 Day Testimonies and Prayers Children and Young Adults	Arden testimony Rick Willis and Gen Z team
2:35	Audience Participation prayer for Gen Alpha & Gen Z's	Rick Willis
2:50	Praise and Worship	Nathan Ironside & Journey Church band
3:05	40 Day Testimonies and Prayers Broken-hearted Prayer for the Sick – Angela Zellner to lead praying for anyone who needs prayer in the audience.	Terri Bartchak – Video testimony followed by prayer Video of lady walking from wheelchair Angela Zellner
3:20	40 Day Testimonies and Prayers The Poor Homeless Prisoners Pastor Mike Swiger to ask the audience to gather in groups to pray for the poor, the homeless and prisoners and their families.	Fr. Michael Gurnick, Ann Jones Ashleigh Hughes, Pastor Mike Swiger, Executive Director of True Freedom Ministries
3:45	Prayers for Government and political unity from a Kingdom of God perspective Matt 6:33 and 1 Tim 2:1-4	Vontayne Smith has invited government and other officials and will lead prayer for them
4:00	Praise and Worship	Nathan Ironside & Journey Church band
4:20	40 Day Testimonies and Prayers Business Influencers Discipleship Seniors	Video – Bill Fischer Roger Emerson Board Director, CBMC Int'l Robert Kilo Dr. Joe and Cindi Ferrini Bill Goodrich

4:40	40 Day Testimonies and Prayers Marriage and Families Women in Crisis Pregnancies Addicts Mental Health Human Trafficking	Allen and Pastor Carmella Bryant Cynthia Smallwood Sr. Pastor Paul Grodell, Sr. Pastor Mike Payne John Allen Angel Dague
5:00	Praise and Worship	Nathan Ironside & Journey Church band
5:15	Call to Action Audience Prayer and Proclamation	Garry Bryant – PATH, Vice Chairman Gerard Long PATH, Exec Director Next Steps
5:40	Declarations and Commitments to God to return to Him	Joe Soltis – PATH Board + 2 others
5:50	Dismissal	Gerard Long, PATH, Exec Director
6:00	Praise and Worship	Nathan Ironside & Journey Church band

Pop Up Tents in the Public Sq.

1. Addicts and Mental Illness – **Pastor Paul Grodell and John Allen**
2. Business Community: **Steve Conzaman & Bill Fischer – find a team to serve**
3. Children and Young Adults – **Rick Willis and Gail Reese**
4. First Nations – **Ruth Fouasnon**
5. Marriage and Families – **Allen and Carmella Bryant**
Seniors – **Bill Goodrich**
6. Prisoners and Families and the Homeless – **Mike Swiger and Ashleigh Hughes**
7. Women in Crisis Pregnancy - **Cynthia Smallwood, Kate Makra**
Broken-hearted – Inner Healing – **Terri Bartchak, Julia Ellifritt, Maria Miravalle**
8. Other Ministries, including Human Trafficking – **Barbara Campbell**

PATH/Gloo Partnership

Purpose: To connect with people in the on-line world for prayer and ministry

Process

- Gloo connects individuals by text, in agreed Zip codes, for prayer and/or ministry help.
- PATH has a clearing team that appoints the requests to a prayer team or a ministry team.
- A relationship is developed with the individual and, when appropriate, a face to face meeting is arranged e.g. at a TOM, and they are encouraged to receive Christ as their Savior and Lord.

Planning

- Keep the leader(s) of the GLOO team in all planning meetings and decisions that are made regarding GLOO.
- Recruit and explain that GLOO is an online ministry that uses text messages to communicate with subscribers.
- Plenty of training and follow-up for all those who would like to volunteer to pray with those online. There should be several online meetings just to talk it through and allow questions.
- When each volunteer signs up, have them put their type of ministry behind their name. It would help those who are assigning the explorer/prayer requests (e.g., marriage & fam, mental health, addiction, adoption, general prayers, etc.)
- Make sure each volunteer turns on their notifications in GLOO to determine how they will receive an alert when they have been assigned an explorer/prayer request.
- It's important to respond within 24 hours to each new Explorer and/or prayer request that has been assigned to the volunteer team.
- Once each volunteer goes through the GLOO training, make sure each person understands and is ready to respond to the explorers and prayer requests. It's a simple process that GLOO has, but some people do it their own way! For example, two or three people responded to the same prayer requests that were not assigned to them. It's about building a rapport with the person.
- Each volunteer must understand that GLOO continues after a PATH initiative. Their help is needed on an on-going basis.
- Each volunteer needs to be trained on Relink several times to be able to refer the explorers to the proper programs available through Relink.
- Some of the people were desperate and GLOO could be their last cry for help.
- Need more people to help with the mentally ill and with addicts.