



# GREATER COLUMBUS GOSPEL COALITION

## History

In 2005 a handful of pastors in the central Ohio area began meeting informally at the Panera Bread at Easton. The purpose of these monthly meetings was simply to spend time together in fellowship and share ministry blessings and burdens. Over time the meetings grew more structured in that discussion topics or texts were chosen and the conversation more directed. In addition, the handful of attendees felt a growing responsibility to reach out to other likeminded pastors and churches that may lack significant fellowship and a sense of partnering in ministry.

During the course of these events, two significant conferences were held in the broader evangelical world — Together for the Gospel (T4G) and The Gospel Coalition (TGC). Upon reading the documents that grew out of these events, the small group meeting in Columbus found a commonality of theology and philosophy of ministry. It was decided to use these documents as part of a foundational structure in order to build a “Gospel Coalition” in the greater Columbus area, hence the moniker, The Greater Columbus Gospel Coalition, or (GC)2.

## Purpose

The purposes of the Greater Columbus Gospel Coalition, as expressed in the founding documents of T4G and TGC, will be accomplished through treasuring the glorious Person and Work of the Triune God, and seeing God glorified by the advancement of the gospel of Jesus Christ through the Spirit in the greater Columbus area.

## Values

1. We value revealed truth. To articulate, proclaim, and protect the gospel of Christ as revealed in God’s Word.
2. We value theological integrity. To identify with the larger Body of Christ represented by those associated with Together for the Gospel and The Gospel Coalition and affirm the founding documents of these organizations.
3. We value biblical unity. To build a coalition of like-minded pastors in order to facilitate Gospel-centered fellowship, and to demonstrate a Gospel-centered unity as a model to our people and a testimony to others.
4. We value Gospel dissemination. To seek creative means for disseminating the Gospel in the Greater Columbus area, including working with like-minded ministries to foster a voluntary citywide Gospel-centered church-planting movement.
5. We value redemptive relationships. To provide opportunities for our respective congregations to build redemptive relationships with the larger Body of Christ, demonstrating that we are Christ’s disciples by the love we have for one another.
6. We value loving discipleship. To disciple people toward love for God and people, which is God-centered, theologically accurate, and historically aware.
7. We value cultural engagement. To engage our world for the sake of the gospel and the furtherance of the Kingdom of God in a manner that is consistent with a Christian worldview that seeks the welfare of the city (already) in which we live here as exiles (not yet).