## **Housing Principles for The Compass**

- 1. Housing is a human right. Everyone deserves a safe, adequate and affordable place to call home. This human right must not only inform governmental laws and policies, but is also a moral principle that is rooted in scripture.
- 2. Canada is in the midst of affordable housing and homelessness crises that are getting worse. Their effects are particularly acute in the Mississauga-Lakeshore community.
- 3. The burdens of the affordable housing and homelessness crises increasingly fall heavily on the most vulnerable Canadians and marginalized groups.
- 4. The best communities are diverse and inclusive. Mississauga-Lakeshore is a stronger community when it includes a diversity of income levels and affordable housing is fundamental to achieving this.
- 5. People should not have to leave their traditional communities in order to find housing they can afford.
- 6. Emergency shelters and in from the cold programs, while vital, are not acceptable long-term solutions to the affordable housing and homelessness crises in our community and our country.
- 7. The Compass supports human rights-based and housing first governance approaches to alleviating the affordable housing and homelessness crises.

