

# 2014.15 Annual Report Annual General Meeting

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thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

#### Philippians 1:3-6

Since the establishment of the 2000 church years partnerships have played a critical role in the advancement of the Gospel around the world. In the first century, the Philippians' collaborated with Paul and his missionary team as they journeyed through Turkey and Southern Europe. The Macedonian and Corinthian churches gave generously to ensure that the "mother church" in Jerusalem was supported during a season of famine and economic downturn. As the Gospel spread, partnerships continued churches and missionary orders worked together to feed the poor, heal the sick, build churches, and launch men and women into new territory with the Good News of Jesus. Even our own denomination was conceived in

the 19<sup>th</sup> century as an *Alliance* of people, united together for the causes of mission and the experience of the deeper life. As I reflect on the past ministry year I am encouraged, much like Paul, by how Cochrane Alliance continues in this same spirit of collaboration and partnership.

Our vision, updated just last year, articulates our longing to be a church transformed by Jesus and to see others experience that same transformation in Cochrane. Canada and around the world. Here are just some examples of how we are partnering together with other like-minded organizations to see this transformation take place.

## Local Partnerships

#### Backyard Kid's Camps

July 2014 marked the first time Cochrane Alliance and Bow Valley Baptist partnered together to reach children in our town. Our unified efforts resulted in more than 400 kids hearing the Good News in neighborhood parks. Many responded personally to Jesus for the first time. For more details, read Melanie Shaw's report on page 15.

#### New Missional Communities

We were delighted to see several new missional communities begin this year focusing on different "tribes" within our town. To find out how our people are partnering together to serve Filipinos,



Fishermen and women, check-out Mike Poettcker's report on page 8.

Helping Hands Society

For many years, Cochrane Alliance has been partnering with FCSS, The Activettes and other local churches to serve the hungry and meet the needs of elderly or disadvantaged Cochranites. Up until 2014 we have been loosely organized, but this past year Helping Hands officially became a non-profit society. Our vision is as follows:

To see faith communities, organizations and individuals connect deeply with and serve their neighbours making the Cochrane Area a vibrant, caring and supportive community.

Open the Door Campaign

At the September 2014 AGM, we stepped out in faith together to see our building renovated for the next season of ministry in Cochrane (for more details on the decision-making process this past year, please refer to the report of the Chairman of the Board on page 24. As laid-out in the 2014 Annual Report, the purpose of this expansion is to further open the door of our building to the community and to enhance it as a base of ministry in Cochrane. Together, after a busy fall campaign, we pledged over \$2 million in support of this project. By the end of June we had just under \$500,000 in the bank—well on our way to the \$1,000,000 cash

on-site will likely require us to meet at an alternate location for our weekend services (an agreement-in-principle is in-place with our friends at Bow Valley Baptist Church). We look forward to capitalizing on this unique season to experiment with some new and creative ways to "be the church" without the luxury of having a building as a base.

I want to express deep appreciation to all the donors, members of the Building Committee, the Open the Door Finance Committee, the Campaign Team, and the many, many people who invested 1000's of hours and 100's of thousands of dollars in this vision. Thank you for your partnership, generosity and



As our biannual food drives continue in the coming years, we look forward to expanding the ways we work together with the community at large. A big shout-out to Jackie Shier who sits on the Helping Hands Board and to Robyn Bujold and Bill Popplewell for their long-standing commitment to the food drives.

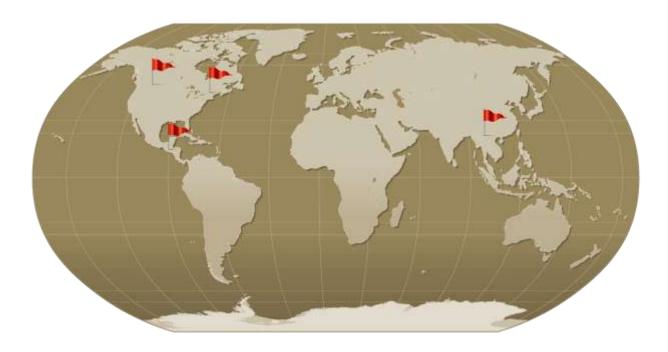
needed to begin construction.

As we begin the 2015-2016 ministry year, Building Committee will work with Transept Architecture to hire a construction manager develop more detailed drawings of Should our project. fundraising continue at its current pace, we anticipate construction beginning some time in Spring 2016. Construction activity

service. May God enrich us as we seek to enrich this community with a newly designed building dedicated to his glory.

Morley

The Mission's Committee (made up of Sandra Weinert, Lorelee Grattidge, Harold Hiebert, Anne van de Vliert, Sharon Wicker and myself) continues to sense a calling to serve our Stoney



neighbours to the West. This past April, many of us attended the New Story Conference in Calgary where we were inspired to consider the new story God is writing in Canada today—a story of friendship, mutual respect and partnership between First Nations peoples and more recent settlers like many of us within Cochrane Alliance. We have prioritized this partnership this year and look forward to collaborating with our friends from Oasis Church this summer to do physical work on Morley United Church and run a youth camp out of the Morley youth centre.

#### Regional Partnerships - Quebec

#### Village Church—East Farnham

As we have been reporting for the past few years, Brent and Merilee Schartner (formerly of Cochrane Alliance and now our partners in East Farnham, Quebec) have been seeing many people come to know Jesus in their little village north of

Cowansville. In 2014, they and a group of believers in the area formally aligned themselves with the Canadian National Baptist to launch the Village Church. They also secured a church building originally built by a group of Quakers in 1842. Although the building has a rich history it has no central heat or potable water and its foundation needs to be rebuilt. This past winter work began to



redo that foundation basement to get it in shape for year-round ministry. Cochrane Alliance again invested financially in this renovation and sent our electrical expert-John own Bosma-to work alongside Brent in spring. This October, we aim to another work-team along with John to do some dry walling experience what's and happening in the Eastern Townships firsthand.

## Oasis Church—Montreal

Our friendship with Oasis goes back all the way to 2003 when a prayer-team from Cochrane Alliance journeyed to Montreal to ask God to send more workers into this critical Canadian harvest field. Twelve years later, He has moved Oasis into the Cloverdale area where they have an incredible ministry to New Canadians settling in the largest subsidized housing project in the country. After years of "talking"

about it" we look forward to welcoming a team from Oasis to Cochrane this summer. They will be led by our very own Gunnar and Chantal Littlejohn (who just happens to serve as Chairperson of the Board in Oasis!). We look forward to deepening our relationships with these brothers and sisters in Christ and to partnering together in Morley.

#### Global Partnerships

Mark & Paula Jones - SE Asia

This year marked the 1st year of our Seamless Link agreement with Mark and Paula Jones (Canadian Regional Developers to the Spice Region) In addition to investing \$12,000 in their ministry we sent Melanie Shaw, Joelle Lapalla and Kelly Hicks to Thailand in June to help with an International Worker's Retreat hosted by Mark and Paula. Check out Melanie's report for more details.

Jesus Viene Church and School— Guatemala

After a lot of prayer, discussion and hard work, the BOE and Missions Committee signed a new 3-year partnership agreement with the Jesus Viene church in San Raymundo Guatemala. Over the next three years we plan to invest \$45,000 (\$15,000/year) in the operational costs of the school. Since 2010 we have sent 6 teams, built 4 homes and erected a 2 story school-building sitting on church property. This January, classes began in that building for the very first time, with over 40 kids participating in 4 classes from primary to grade 4! Many of these students would not



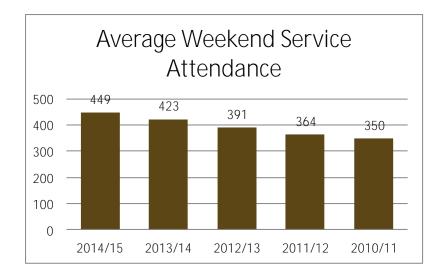
have access to solid, Christian education without the vision and sacrifice of the local congregation in San Raymundo.

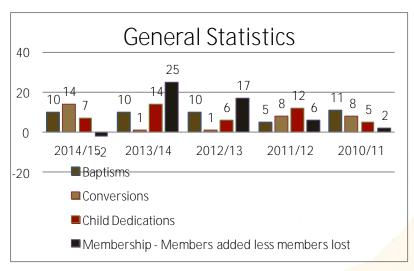
This October a group of elders and leaders will head south to discuss this next phase of our partnership. By next summer, we hope to see our next youth team make a similar trip. We thank God for what we've been able to accomplish along with our partners and look forward to the next chapter of this story!

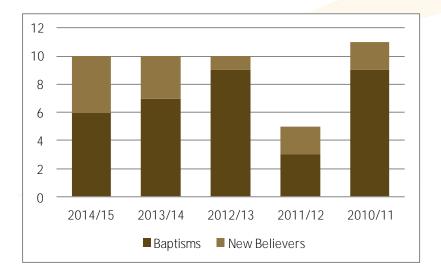
Nepal Relief

On April 25, 2015 a devastating earthquake rocked the mountainous nation of Nepal killing more than 9,000 people and impacting the livelihood of many more. As part of Christian and Missionary Alliance relief efforts, we raised \$7500 most of which will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the federal government.

#### 2013-2014 by the Numbers







#### Concluding Thoughts

Reviewing what God has done among us this past year leaves me feeling much the same as the Apostle Paul when he reflected on partnership with Philippians: "I thank my God every time I remember you." Thank you for your investment in Kingdom work in Cochrane, Canada and around the world. Thank you for your support and generosity expressed to me and the entire staff team. May God continue the good work he is doing in us (and among all our partners!). May he carry it to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. 🔬

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Jason Koleba Lead Pastor





# REPORT OF THE PASTOR OF MISSIONAL DISCIPLESHIP

he words "Missional Discipleship" represent more than the job title on my office door. They're lifted out of our church family's vision for our community.

We long to be a church transformed by Christ, multiplying Christ-centered homes, renewed lives and missional disciples in Cochrane, Canada and the world.

Quite simply, we see ourselves as a family sent by God into our community to help others discover Christ's life changing power. But it doesn't end there! We are also called to help these people learn how to express that transforming gift to impact and bless even more people.

This past year, we had a number of objectives for Missional Discipleship in our church, including:

- Expand our groups' thinking and awareness around the three vital relationships (Up, In & Out)
- Support our group leaders through training and new coaching structures

- Equip our groups to be more experimental and outward focussed
- Collaborate intentionally with Rockpointe Church as they develop Missional Communities in Calgary and Cochrane
- Tell more stories of MC's so the rest of the congregation can catch the vision
- Continue to offer Alpha and The Journey as excellent tools for making disciples

As you will read in this report, we have achieved some these objectives to a greater degree than others.

The first objective listed above concerns the priorities of a church family (under any name: Life Group, Missional Community, etc.) The pastoral staff has put a lot of



effort into helping the entire church understand that healthy church life is expressed in keeping the all three priorities of Up, In & Out in focus. I trust that the shape of a Triangle comes to your mind to represent these priorities. ©

# Life Groups & Missional Communities

We produced a guide this past year which was intended to do two things:

- it explains the priorities of Missional Discipleship; as well as
- 2) it provides a tool for planning small group life.

This guide was rolled out at a teaching event for all our group leaders in September. This event was done in partnership with Rock Pointe Church, and it was designed to support our group leaders. Somewhere between 1/3 to 1/2 of our leaders participated. We've also used the guide throughout the year in several mentoring contexts.

Recognizing that one-off events like this are not the only way to best support and coach group leaders,

Jason Koleba and I have launched coaching "huddles" in an effort to take our coaching to another level. These huddles are tailored to help leaders grow their ability to recognize how God is at work and adjusting one's life to respond to God's work. We see this kind of coaching as an important part of how we want to grow leaders in our church in the years ahead and this priority extends beyond the small group ministry of this church. In the coming year all our pastoral staff are committing to forming huddles of this kind.

Two of the objectives that I would have liked to have addressed better concern:

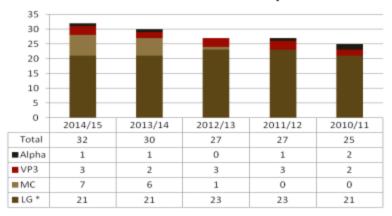
- our groups becoming more experimental and outward focussed; and
- telling more stories of people in our church family who are living into the mission that God has called them to.

As our lead pastor likes to say, "We want to launch people into mission". When this happens their stories need to be told

These will continue to be a priority going into this next year.

Even though I would have liked to see more in these areas, this doesn't mean that experimental and outward focussed things didn't happen. I'd like to share three examples:

## Number of Small Groups



- During the past year a missional community has formed around the goal of ministering to the women of Cochrane. Led by Kara Balcarras and Jodi-Lyn McCaw, these women have put on several events that have both blessed the women of our church family as well as many community women who don't identify themselves with the church.
- God has done amazing things in our missional community reaching out to the foreign workers of Cochrane. A number of people have come to faith in this group, and are now being discipled. Led by Sam & Lily Ong and Ann & Henry Van de Vliert the group has grown in size significantly and it continues to bless the community in big and small ways. One example of a big

blessing is the well attended Filippino Appreciate Night they put on at the end of June to recognize and encourage temporary foreign workers in Cochrane.

• We started a Fly Tying Club this year. At the initiative of Rick Quiring and Tim Carlson, a gathering space has been made for anglers of all ages, genders and abilities to learn the art of fly tying and hang out with others who enjoy this pastime. One pleasant surprise in this group is how family friendly it is. We pray that this club can be a warm place for anglers to get a taste of God's goodness.

You will also notice in the statistical graphs that attendance appears to be up significantly over the previous year which saw a dip in attendance. Some factors for this include: we saw a net gain of two more groups this year; some existing groups saw significant numerical growth (especially our missional communities); and my data gathering last year may not have been as thorough as it was this year. Whatever the case, we should be pleased with our progress. As people enter into group life outside of Sunday services, we should continue to focus our groups on the





vision for launching people into mission and blessing our town through the transforming love of Christ.

#### Alpha & VP3

In addition to these creative OUTfocussed activities, Alpha continues to be a useful tool for sharing the message of Jesus in a warm and engaging environment. This past year, one of our Life Groups led by Doug and Arlene Dickau stepped up to take an OUTfocussed risk by hosting an Alpha course. Dickau's group welcomed 8 adults and 3 children into their group (of already 11 adults) to explore the meaning of life and how Jesus fits into life. A big "thank -you" goes out to everyone in the Dickau group for their hospitality and willingness to take a chance on reaching out.

This small-group based format appears to be a good way for us to use Alpha. Not only is it an efficient way of offering the course; it also provides an excellent opportunity for any of our small groups to expand their outreach into their spheres of influence by being hospitable. I'm excitedly looking forward to the coming year, because a number of our small groups are considering using Alpha as a way of reaching out (including one of our youth 3G groups).

The processes of Vantage Point 3 (i.e. the Journey, the Way of Life,

etc.) continue to be a mainstay of how we help people become mature disciples of Jesus. A big word of thanks goes out to Jaime Rogers and Yolanda Bosma for joining me in leading three VP3 groups this year. In the coming year we hope to offer another Journey group and a group to cover the third process Walking With Others.

#### Looking Forward

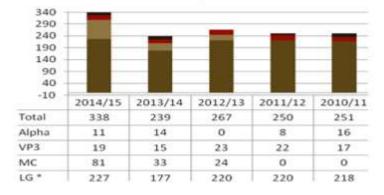
Overall we've made some good progress in our Missional Discipleship efforts. At the same time there is always room to improve and grow as we seek to see our town transformed by Christ. In order to build on what we've achieved and meet the challenges ahead in the coming year, we want to focus our efforts on the following objectives:

- Help all groups better evaluate how they are doing at living UP, IN & OUT.
- Define the discipleship pathways of our church, and in particular clearly describe what missional behavior looks like
- A menu of opportunities for groups to be OUT
- Develop more ways of telling stories and recognizing when people and groups are launching into mission
- Send out more consistent communication to the group leadership body

I'm excited to work with the church family to meet our challenges together. I've also enjoyed serving in different areas of administrative responsibility. This includes helping Jason with: Open the Door; office supervision; and budget preparation. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the family in this way. As we seek to see where God is at work and to join in with him, may he bless our community and our town.

Respectfully Submitted, Mike Poettcker Associate Pastor Missional Discipleship

## Number of People in Small Groups







# REPORT OF THE PASTOR OF PEOPLE CARE

love being in the sheep business!! Well kind of--not the wool and mutton variety: rather it is more the business of caring for people and serving their needs. In 1 Peter 5:2, 3 we find a good job description for all who give leadership to God's church. We are called to "be shepherds of God's flock that is under our care, watching over them--not because we must, but because we are willing, as God wants us to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to us, but being examples to the flock."

January 1, 2016 will mark the beginning of our 10th year of ministry here at Cochrane Alliance Church. Pixie and I consider ourselves blessed to be called as shepherds to serve the people care ministries here in our church. This calling gives us great joy-- it is not an obligation. We ask our Chief Shepherd to make us examples of His care and his love for the sheep we are called to serve.

This past year, I have been merging back into full time ministry. My recuperation from open heart surgery in early April,

2014 made it necessary for me to take some time to regain my physical strength before I resumed full responsibilities for ministry on August 1 of this year. I deeply appreciate the patient support shown to me by my church that allowed me to get the necessary rest and healing. My doctors have told me that my heart is once again working well and that I have made a good recovery.

I also thank you for your prayers and support in my Master of Counselling program with Gonzaga University. I have completed all of my course requirements but am still plugging away at my final "Theories of Counselling" paper (a sort of minithesis) as well as my final two exams, one on-line the other an oral examination. I am still working through several issues related to completing this final lap but have that final goal of completion in mind, hopefully in the early fall. I am very close but not quite there. Already I am seeing how valuable my education experience has been as I have once again begun my counselling ministry here at the church. I am so very grateful to the many that

have made it possible for me to acquire the tools that will make me a more effective counsellor in the days ahead.

#### Front Door Ministries

This past year I have been giving leadership to our front door ministries. This involves giving direction to the process of that ensures people are noticed, welcomed, followed up with, given orientation, and given information regarding our church. We also desire to present them with the opportunity to be baptized and go through church membership and then connect with others in our church family as they become disciples of Jesus Christ.

I am grateful to those who have assisted me in our Front Door Ministries this past year. Ginny Winter has worked faithfully behind the scenes to contact people and schedule them into the roles of greeters, hosts, ushers and other important aspects of ensuring that people are warmly welcomed, tracked and followed up week by week. Thank you, Ginny for all you do that makes Cochrane Alliance church a great place to not only visit, but then become part of the church family

as a result.

I am also grateful to Nicqueline Shakotko who has patiently taught me the procedures of data entry and processing in Power Church, the computer program we use to track and follow up people who visit us week by week.

I appreciate the many people who help us by greeting those who enter the doors of our church each Sunday. A big thank you to our hosts and ushers as well who serve the needs to making people feel at home and welcomed to our church. I also want to thank those who run our welcome and information centres, giving people the direction they need for a wide range of questions they might have. Our coffee teams have served us well by providing a warm cup of coffee to those who enter our building each week. Although too numerous to mention by name, our front door ministry team is large and serves us effectively week by week!

This past year we hosted four Newcomers Cafes where we gave those who were new to our church a further opportunity to learn more about ministries we offer as a church as well as to answer any questions they might have as a result. We estimate that we had approximately 120 people attend one of our luncheons during the year.

Front Door Ministries are an important aspect of caring for our church family. Our leadership team feels that we must view our front door ministries as a much bigger picture than just saying

hello to people on a Sunday morning. Our long term goal as leaders is to track people from the time they first enter our church doors through to the point where we see people carefully join a group. Here we hope they will embrace a pathway where they will become reproducing disciples of Christ.

This coming year we are looking at the need of providing training for all of those who serve us in various capacities in our Front Door Ministries.

#### People Care

I wish to thank many who have worked faithfully in our people care ministries. Various care ministries are happening all the time at our church even though they are not always visible. We cannot begin to mention the many different ways that people engage in a caring way. I have been encouraged as I have observed numerous people who reach out in their own way to touch the lives of many in our church family and in our community. I recently had a town social agency leader say to me that she views our church as a caring group of people because of the involvement many have in our community.

I am thankful to our Care Response Team who, under the faithful leadership of Marianne Bender, has served the needs of many around them. Each member of our CRT is given regular responsibilities to serve and walk with those who need some special attention in some way. This past year Dave and Janet Hall, Arlene Dickau, Joan

Winter, Bev Neufeld, Bonnie Popplewell and Dave Pahl have served on our team and have carried out 150 visits (interventions) during the year.

I also wish to thank Audrey DeMaere and Dave Pahl for their regular chaplaincy duties at Big Hill Lodge and Bethany Care Centre here in Cochrane. Monthly chapel services in these facilities are greatly appreciated by both residents and staff!

#### Seniors Initiatives

Our Keenagers (55+) have enjoyed being involved in various settings where fellowship, Bible study, discussion times and even good food have drawn them together.

Our seniors have also reached out on several occasions to address the needs of various groups in our community and around the world. Twice meals were prepared and served at the International Student Ministry Focus nights at Brentview Baptist church. Both events saw us serve over 75 students from around the world. It was obvious that the students loved the food but also the interaction of our seniors around the tables with the students.

This past year we also joined five other churches in hosting Hymn Sings at Seniors on the Bow (Spray Lakes). Our church was responsible for two of the evenings with 50 attending one evening and over 80 at the second event. A good number of these who attend are community people who do not have a home church but simply want to be with others in this kind

of setting. Seniors are a growing demographic in Cochrane and outreach projects of this kind are obviously appreciated and noticed. Hymn Sings attract the largest attendance of all Seniors on the Bow activities and the frequency of these events will be expanded in the year ahead.

Our Seniors also served in an international way as 25 plus people volunteered this past November at Operation Christmas Child (Samaritan's Purse) preparing shoe boxes for shipping to children in various parts of the world.

Thanks to Darrel and Marianne Bender for their leadership with our Keenager group. The Wednesday afternoon Bible study is well attended and the discussions are always entered into with enthusiasm by those who are part of the group.

#### Marriage Mentoring Workshop

This past April, we had the privilege of hosting a Marriage Mentors Workshop. Six couples from our church joined three other couples from Brooks Alliance church as Randy Hamm from Prepare Enrich Canada gave us training on how to walk with couples as they prepare for marriage. I appreciated those who were willing to receive training so they can now invest in couples who are looking forward to marriage. We place a high priority on doing all we can to help couples get off to a good start in their marriages. This workshop will be a valuable resource for us to draw upon in the days ahead.

#### Pancake Breakfast

Our annual Labour Day Pancake Breakfast saw just over 800 people from our community and church family enjoy a pancake breakfast served by over 50 volunteers from our church family. A huge thank you to all who help make this event a time where we can welcome people to a friendly and warm environment.

# Volunteers...the people who make it happen!

I am so grateful to many volunteers who assist me in my ministry and outreach initiatives throughout the year. This past year I estimate that 75 volunteers helped me in various capacities to see our ministry efforts happen here at Cochrane Alliance. It was fun for us as a staff and church board to honour our many volunteers at our Volunteer Appreciation barbecue where over 400 people were served. Thanks to all who help us make effective ministry happen through your faithful service.

#### Life Transitions

This past year we marked the passing of Dave Heggie from this life into his glorious home in heaven.

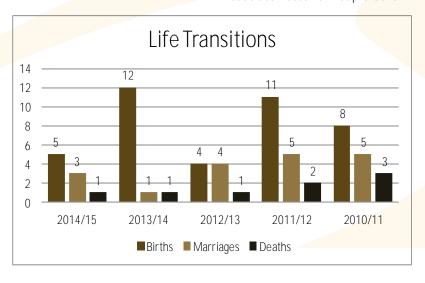
#### The Year ahead...

Pixie and I wish to thank you for your support and prayers this past year. We love our church family deeply and feel incredibly blessed to be part of a staff that is sensitive to wanting to see lives in Cochrane transformed for God's glory.

I look forward to giving leadership to our people care ministries in the year ahead. As we enter the expansion phase of our church building we know that it will be important to maintain and expand our people care emphasis.

I believe that God continues to do new and great things in our church. I also believe that our best days are still ahead. I pray that God will work in and through us to see His kingdom establish for His glory in the town of Cochrane.

Respectfully submitted, Larry Charter Associate Pastor of People Care







# REPORT OF THE PASTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES

eadership Team Dekker Parrott, Matt Wiebe, Tony Wong, Becky Knudsen, Darby Spence, Lucy Pereyra, Cadi Litschke, Rebecca Capeling, Zachary Livingstone, Andrew Smit, Heather Ann Wicker, Ben Mochar, Olivia Capeling, Kayl Litschke.

#### What's Been Going On

The focus of our ministry continues to be to help our youth become missional disciples. The main way we are seeking to do this is through our 3G groups. These groups focus on the three core practices of gather, grow and go. We believe and trust that the Spirit is at the heart of this and using this ministry to further the kingdom of God. Our ultimate desire is that our youth will be growing in community and faith with one another as they reach out to their peers with the Good News.

Currently we have 3 missional communities (3G's) that are running. Within our 3G's we have about 50 youth who are actively participating. These groups meet 3 times a month and are

continuing to grow in their community, faith and understanding of mission.

We have seen new youth brought into the faith community through youth reaching out in their 3G and as well have been able to work alongside places like; boys and girls club, big hill lodge and operation Christmas child. We are excited to see that mission is now extending beyond serving with organizations to also include ministering to their peers.

Our worship ministry continues to grow and be a great tool for engaging and ministering to youth.

Dekker Parrott has given leadership and oversight to this part of our ministry. He has worked well at leading our worship teams and helping our youth community experience God through worship. Dekker continues to plan and pray through how the worship ministry can be used as a discipleship tool in the lives of our youth.. We look forward to seeing this area of our ministry grow.

Another highlight from this past year was an early morning bible study that was started in March and ran until the end of June. Kayl Litschke was our key leader in this





new initiative. The group met every second Monday focused on 2 of the spiritual disciplines, prayer and study. We had a group of 8 people that met together and this proved to be incredibly fruitful time for those involved. When you meet with a group of youth at 7am on a Monday morning you don't know what to expect, but these youth came with a desire and thirst to grow in their faith. Through the Word of God, open dialogue, and accountability we saw these youth experience some big milestones in their faith. It was a pleasure to get up early and study the word of God with these youth.

At Camp Chamisall (summer 2014) we saw much greater participation from the Cochrane Alliance family. We had 23 campers from our church and 18 workers involved this summer! This was so exciting to see more of our people here get involved in this amazing ministry! We saw 628 campers participate in camp this summer and saw many first

time decisions for Christ at every week of camp. The week I was able to direct saw 10 first decisions alone! Please continue to pray for the on going work of God in the lives of these youth.

Respectfully submitted, Jason Dimnik Pastor of Student Ministries



hat a joy this year has been for Children's Ministry at Cochrane Alliance Church! From Open the Door giving projects, to faith based plays to camps and more, our kids have been busy learning more about God and connecting what they are learning to their day -to-day lives. It is our goal to help kids and their families connect with God, find their place in His big story and respond to Him through the power of the Holy Spirit. Some of the highlights from the journey this year as we sought to accomplish this goal are:

#### Sunday School

#### Preschool (0-Kindergarten)

This age group continued to grow the most as 5 new babies were born and new young families chose Cochrane Alliance Church as home. By adjusting our age groups to 0-1, 2-3 and 4-Kindergarten, we were able to make best use of our space and yet still feel the constraints of our current facility. After streamlining our curriculum in the fall, all of our preschool children use Tru to learn foundational truths about

God and are introduced to God's Big Story.

# Elementary (Kindergarten Grade 6)

We have continued using the Tru curriculum by David C. Cook to teach the kids about God's Big Story and how they are invited to be a part of it and we have continued the large group/small group model to help facilitate this. During large group time the kids were introduced to the Bible stories through skits, science experiments and games and then learned in small group how to apply the biblical truth to their lives. 100% of our small group



leaders committed to month on/ month off teaching schedules which helped to create a more relational environment in all of the classrooms and allowed for better tracking with the kids.

Our Grade 5 and 6 students were once again divided by gender into small group classes that benefited from highly committed teachers. One of the highlights from this group was the number of kids who chose to make their faith their own by being baptized. Another highlight was the opportunity that both groups had to exercise their faith by serving in unique ways; the boys put together a play for the Grade 1-4 students and the girls used their artistic gifts to make bead animals for the children's hospital.

## Open the Door

As we moved forward with the Open the Door campaign this year, we wanted to remember our kids and not miss the opportunity to bring them into the process of giving and building the church. At the All Church Event the kids received Saving and Giving jars and were encouraged to start

making a habit of both with their own money. Our next step was to launch a giving project that the kids gave to regularly that supported the Open the Door campaign. Beginning in May, children worked together to build a sticker church in the foyer that represented the building we are seeking to build. As a whole the kids raised \$365.36 and learned that they are an important part of this church too!

#### Asian Spice Seamless Link

Our kids had a great opportunity this year to learn about international missions and connect with children who live in the Asian Spice region. I was invited along with Joelle Lappala and Kelly Hicks to attend the International Worker's Retreat in Chiang Mai Thailand to run the side children's of the programming. For the 5 days of the retreat we took the kids on an "Amazing Race" of the facility based off of Hebrews 12:1 and encouraged them in their own race of faith. Once we returned we used the opportunity to teach our kids about what life looks like in South East Asia and introduced them to some of the food and cultural traditions. We also matched up our Sunday School classes in Cochrane with some of the children we met and started email correspondence between the two. In the months that followed our kids have been regularly praying for the kids in the Asian Spice region and some of them have built friendships with the kids they were matched with. We look forward to continuing the partnership next year and looking for new ways for our kids to encourage and support the mission work happening in the Asian Spice region.

#### Backyard Kids Camps

In June 2014 we ran our first backyard style **VBS** collaboration with Bow Valley Baptist Church and loved every minute of it. We also used the opportunity to bring our two church families together for a joint worship service to celebrate being on mission together. We ran 11 sites in neighborhood parks around Cochrane and 2 sites outside of town (Exshaw and Morley) reaching a total of 412 registrants by Friday. Highlights included serving alongside another church family in town, celebrating with about 12 kids who accepted Christ as their savior, and serving our neighbors with a quality camp that was well received by the kids and families alike.

At the time of writing of this report we have also completed our second year of Backyard Kids Camps. We added 2 additional parks in Cochrane and ran one in Crescent Heights neighborhood in Calgary as part of a church plant initiative that Bow Valley Baptist is overseeing. It was another great week and we were left with much to celebrate: along with meeting new neighbors and making new friends, of the 456 kids who registered, 43% did not list a home church and 23 of them made first time faith commitments. We hope continue the momentum next year and invite more churches to partner with us.

#### Soccer Camp

We offered soccer camp through Athletes in Action another year this July and once again it was full with a waitlist. The coaches were great and the volunteers were outstanding, leading to memorable week for everyone involved. 3 kids made a decision to follow Jesus for the first time, and 2 kids recommitted their lives to Jesus. The camp continues to receive high praise from the community and it connects us to many kids who do not regularly attend church (22% this year). The challenges as we move forward are finding a way to maintain our connection with these families throughout the year and making the camp accessible to more kids.

#### Moms & Tots

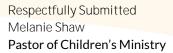
Moms and Tots was well received once again this year under Kara Balcarras' leadership as a place for moms (and dads!) and their preschool kids to connect, relax, enjoy a coffee and build relationships on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. September saw a large number of new faces, many new to town looking for a place to meet and connect. It continues to attract parents from the community, with 85% of them not attending our church. On average 15 moms attended with about 20 kids, although many mornings saw close to 50 people gathering. Our bouncy castles have been a huge asset to this ministry as they attract new people to come and provide the kids with a fun activity on the busy mornings

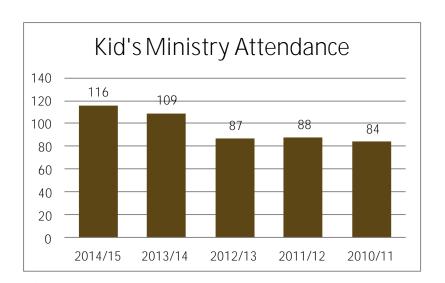
#### **Child Dedications**

This year we celebrated with 7 families who chose to dedicate their children. It was a joy for our church family to recognize the commitment of so many families and to agree to journey with them as they learn to nurture their children spiritually as well as physically and emotionally.

## Looking Ahead

We are looking forward with great anticipation to the building renovation and the breathing room it will give our kids and leaders, especially in preschool groups. We are also looking forward to being more intentional about how we partner with families and help them in their journey of raising spiritually minded kids. It has been a great year and we know while the next one will bring change, it will also bring smiles and blessings as our children learn to further trust in Jesus! 🔼









# REPORT OF THE PASTOR OF WORSHIP

ast year I noted that we were feeling that we would benefit greatly from the addition of a female worship leader. This past spring I've been very pleased to see Karen Murdoch stepping into that role. Karen is а mature experienced leader who was quite involved in worship ministries at Fort Saskatchewan Alliance before moving here to Cochrane. I'm looking forward to working with her in the coming year.

Tim Carlson continues to anchor our team with solid leadership, even amidst taking on more leadership capacity as one of our Elders. I've appreciated his willingness to help lead worship at other events also such as during the week of prayer and for Backyard Camp leaders.

A larger focus for me this past year has been the development and discipleship of our worship team and teams in general. Tony Wong and I have spent much more time together, and I am very pleased with the steps he has taken as a worship leader. He is becoming much more confident in the way he speaks and guides us in worship. I've very much enjoyed

his eagerness and the times we've spent planning services and debriefing life.

We explored some ways to bring a greater discipleship and prayer focus to our worship practices last fall, I am looking forward to how this may evolve in the coming year, as I look to "huddle" up with a few team members on a more regular basis.

# New Planning & Presentation Software

Perhaps the largest scale effort in worship ministries this year has been to implement a changeover in both our media presentation software and planning tools. We now use a much more intuitive and powerful program called ProPresentor to create and display all the Sunday media. I began the process of training all our media volunteers last summer. I'm so thankful for all the extra time that Dwain, Daniel, Caroline, and Wendy have spent in order to become comfortable building the presentations; and we shared many great life interactions along the way. We've also revamped the way we record, broadcast and post the sermon audio (now available via YouTube), which has also been a steep learn curve for us all. But we have a much better system now and more capability as a team to handle the technical requirements of our gatherings.

We are also now using a tool called "Planning Center" for all our planning and schedule needs. This web-based software allows us to integrate all of our music files. plan all our worship gatherings in a central location that all participants can easily access, and scheduling makes communication much easier. Worship team members have been learning to use it to its full potential, and finding it a great improvement to our systems. Tim Arkell was a big help to me in the early going, and we were sad to see he move on to Camp Caroline, but also exited for both he and Loretta for the opportunity and ministry they now have there. This spring, Yolanda and I have worked together to expanded our use of the program to include Communion servers and Offering Tellers. This summer Ginny Winter and I are beginning the process of bringing some of our Front Door Ministries teams (Ushers and Greeters) into the loop.

#### Key New People

Last year we created a new role of Service Coordinator, and I relied on Lisa Brotherton to assist me in many of the pre-service preparations that need to be made each week along with looking after the mid-service production cues. This year Melia Hayes and Laycock have indispensable to me in that regard, and have done a fantastic job support our teams and helping us in communicating with all the people involved on Sunday mornings.

Another key volunteer role that has gone unfilled for the past couple years is that of an Audio Tech Lead. I've been carrying much of the responsibility to look after the repair and maintenance of our audio systems. I'm pleased to now have Marty Wansink step into that role. Marty is very passionate about sound

technology and brings a strong work ethic and desire to serve the congregation to the role. Already this spring, he has been a big help to me in cleaning out and redesigning the equipment storage room, building extensions drum shield, troubleshooting several system breakdowns and deficiencies. We have made several alterations to the system settings that have improved the sound in the foyer under balcony area specifically.

We've made a few improvements to our equipment, including new vocal mics that are much clearer, and upgrading some wireless systems to comply with CRTC regulations. Marty has also been an integral part in helping develop a long-range plan for upgrading our entire audio system, in order to address our stage volume issues directly and improve the quality of sound in the entire sanctuary. The issues stem from a mismatch and improper placement of the main speakers, as well as from the declining performance of several system components due to age, and the lack of acoustic treatment on the walls/ceiling behind the stage.

#### Events & Gatherings

There were several worship gatherings that I think are worth highlighting here:

- We broke bread and gave thanks around tables at Thanksgiving
- We hosted close to 500 people at a community concert featuring Tenore and the Rocky Mountain College Children and Youth Choir on December 20<sup>th</sup>. We are planning a similar concert event in December this year with the New West Symphony & Chorus
- On Christmas Eve we "Rekindled the Spirit of Christmas" with a vocal choir led by Esther Aichele, thank you Esther!
- The Ambrose Chamber Singers blessed us on the Sunday concluding our week of prayer, and many, many people came forward to receive prayers of blessing and be anointed with oil.
- On Palm Sunday we were lead in worship by our kids. They sang, read and acted out Scripture, and lead us in prayer. We will definitely be looking for repeat(s) this coming year.
- Bow Valley Baptist Church opened up their "Good Friday Experience" to us. Several families and people took



advantage of this creative and hands on "stations of the cross" worship experience. We also had a fantastic and creative worship gathering that evening which featured a series on monologues.

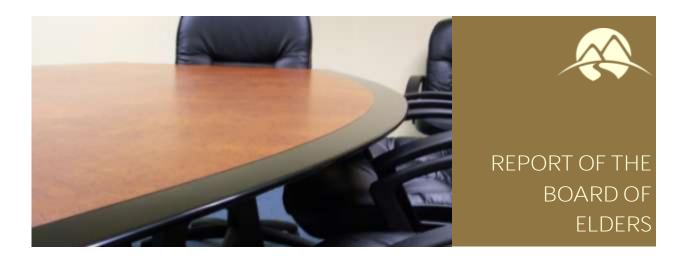
- We had a gospel quartet on Easter Sunday and baptized several individuals
- Perhaps the brightest highlight of the spring was our Missions Extravaganza, where we had opportunity to move around the building and interact with Peterson's, Wicker's, and Littlejohn's about their missions involvements

#### **Final Comment**

I appreciate immensely the commitment and sacrifice of our musicians, singers and tech crews, who arrive early and stay through to the end. As summer arrives, we all recognize a little tiredness and need to rest, but also the joy of knowing we have served and supported each other well this year.

As always, our efforts go into creating worship gatherings that are about much more than music and preaching. Sunday gatherings, in their entirety, ought to shape us as a Gospel people, who celebrate Christ's story and are send out again strengthened to live on mission. I appreciate the opportunity to explore with you how worship causes us to grow deeper in Christ, and become a transformative influence in this community.

Respectfully Submitted Matt Quick Pastor of Worship



he role of elders is to provide oversight of and direction to the ministry of Cochrane Alliance Church. We are elected and entrusted by the membership to carry out the many facets of oversight: spiritual well-being of the body, performance of the pastoral staff, financial integrity, ensuring adequate facilities to carry out ministry, and protecting the people and property involved in these ministries. Those charged with this care and oversight of the church in 2014 were: Tim Carlson, David Eeles, Franc Godri, Jason Koleba, Kevin Loeppky, Doyle Peterson, Al Ruttan, Scott Vlietstra, and Dan Williams.

A year ago at this AGM we accepted the concept plans to renovate this facility and set out to raise funds for the project. Open The Door Campaign was launched in the fall, and in December we celebrated as a congregation the promise of nearly \$2M in pledges.

Today we have received \$499,025 in cash and \$2,026,870 in pledges over a three period.

We realized that this amount would not be sufficient to proceed with the initial concept plans. Therefore, we worked further with the architect to cut back on certain features while maintaining the key design requirements to produce a plan that could be built at the \$4M mark.

In May we met in a Special General Meeting to review and act on this new concept, and we strongly endorsed the plan. We are now searching for a construction firm and project manager while continuing to receive funds. We have set a goal of \$1M in cash received before we proceed with construction. Hopefully we can see the project start in spring of 2016.

The Board and pastoral team worked through a significant revision to the rental policies of the church, to better prepare for broader use of the enhanced facilities while ensuring integrity of purpose and compliance with our mission as a body.

As Elders in this body, we have also spent considerable time in prayer and reflection concerning the spiritual well-being in this body. We pray each meeting for special concerns among you that we are aware of. We spent time last fall in a retreat setting considering deeper aspects of discipleship and what it means to see Christ-centered homes further developed in our

community. These topics have stimulated us to grow deeper in our own spiritual walk, and have helped us develop a better sense of spiritual leadership as elders.

Each of us on the Board of Elders considers it a privilege to serve you. We trust God for wisdom in our decisions for the matters that come before us. Prayer for healing is a special part of our ministry that many have requested this past year. Please contact any of the elders or the pastors if you would like to arrange prayer with the elders.

I have personally been honored and challenged to grow in my faith during these past two years in my service as Chair of the Board of Elders. This completes my second consecutive term on the Board, and it's time to pass leadership onto another. I am grateful to be part of this vibrant and growing body of Christ in Cochrane.

Respectfully submitted,
Doyle Peterson
Chair of the Board of Elders



ochrane Alliance Church had another very good year financially in the 2014/2015 fiscal year. This past year we asked for very generous giving as we had a general fund budget increase of 16% over 2013/2014 and we also started up the "Open the Door Campaign" to raise money to renovate this facility.

Focusing first on the General Fund and our operating expenses. Our total revenue for this past fiscal year was \$792,759 and total expenses were \$800,494 resulting in a shortfall of \$7734. This shortfall was covered by surplus cash from our previous fiscal year. Given we had a full complement of staff for the entire fiscal year and our budget was \$114,000 higher than the 2013/2014 year, this shortfall is very small.

This past fiscal year we also initiated the "Open the Door Campaign". Total giving to the open the door campaign was approximately \$500,000. We have a very good start towards the \$1M cash on hand required to start our renovation.

As you can see, our giving this past year was very strong. Giving to the General Fund increased by 3% during the past fiscal year and total giving including funds for the "Open the Door Campaign" increased by 68%. We also want to acknowledge that this past year has been a tough financial year in many sectors of our economy. Thank you for your faithful giving to Cochrane Alliance Church.

We will now take a look at the 2015/2016 budget. We approached this year's budget trying to balance the needs of a growing congregation with the financial realities of a tough economic environment here in Cochrane. We set a goal to propose a budget that was no greater than 5% above last year's actual giving. We faced some unexpected headwinds as our group insurance rates increased by \$12,000 which is close to a 50% jump. Other areas receiving increases this year is the creation of a new office staff position and increased giving to missions. Given the economic climate and the very low cost of living changes over the last year staff are receiving no increases in salary this coming fiscal year. Our overall budget for this coming fiscal year is \$832,385 which is an increase of 5% from the actual giving in this past fiscal year.

On behalf of the board I would like to thank the staff for their efforts in reducing planned spending significantly from when the budget process began. Our "Open the Door Campaign" is continuing and we once again are trusting in God's blessing in providing the funds we need. Please continue to pray for our church's financial needs and thank you for your sacrificial giving.

Respectfully submitted, Scott Vlietstra Treasurer



ominations

#### For Board of Elders:

3-year-term:

Dan Williams (Second Term)
Blaine Ellerby
Brad Smith
John Wicker

#### **Current Members:**

Kevin Loeppky David Eeles Tim Carlson Franc Godri

## Nominations for Congregational Reps to Nominating Committee:

1 Year term:

Brenda Heavenor Loraine Vlietstra

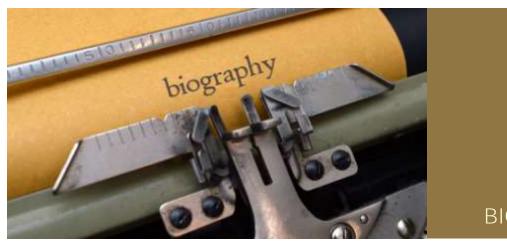
#### From Constitution, Article XV - Elections

...The Nominating Committee shall present and post, at least two Sundays prior to the annual meeting, one name for each office to be filled. Other nominations, if any shall be made in writing, signed by two members in good standing, and filed with the chairman of the nominating committee for posting before the public services on the Sunday prior to the annual meeting.

## Nominating Committee:

Jason Koleba
Julie Torrie
Marianne Bender
Tim Carlson
Kevin Loeppky

Chairperson
Congregational Rep
Board of Elders Rep
Board of Elders Rep





# ELDER BIOGRAPHIES



Franc
Godri
was born in
LaSalle,
Quebec. He
currently
works for
Cirrius

Enterprises. He has been in the financial services industry for over eighteen years and this, following an eleven year career as a military pilot. He is married to Carol Randall and they have three children. Franc and Carol started attending Cochrane Alliance shortly after they moved to Cochrane in 1998 as seekers. Through strong yet humble church leadership and with the help of the Alpha course, Franc and Carol were baptised together in 2000. Franc has a passion for apologetics and how we can defend our faith with confidence, facts and humility...



Tim
Carlson
grew up in
Salmon Arm,
BC, the son of
a Free
Methodist

After high school he pastor. attended Aldersgate Bible College in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, before studying at the University of Victoria to become a high school Literature and History teacher. He has been at Calgary Academy for twelve years and is currently the Academic Dean for Grades eleven and twelve. He and his wife Leah have two children. have been attending Cochrane Alliance for four years. Tim has a heart for his local community and for the local church seeking to find ways to connect with those around him to share in the journey of reaching out to share Christ's love and compassion.



David
Eeles
grew up in
Wainwright,
Alberta, and
attended the
University of
Alberta where

he obtained degrees in business and law, and met his wife, Wendy. He's a partner at Norton Rose Fulbright, where his practice includes the development of power, oil and gas, transmission

projects. David line and other and Wendy have five children and have been attending Cochrane Alliance since 2012. David is a life -long follower of Jesus. He was saved at age four recommitted his life as an adult, and was baptized at age thirty-five. Prior to joining Cochrane Alliance, he served his local church as both a youth leader and bible teacher. David desires to be used effectively by God, and would welcome the opportunity to serve on the board of elders.



Kevin
Loeppky
grew up in the
small town of
Osler Sask.
He attended
a Christian
school and

finished his grade twelve there. At that same school he dedicated his life to the Lord at the age of eight. He was baptized at the age of eighteen and then married at nineteen years of age to his wife Pamela. Kevin and Pam have three children. They moved to Cochrane for work and a change in life. They

had hit the economy boom and life had a different spin to it. God has seen Kevin through times of great financial need and has used life challenges to shape and mold him to whom He sees fit.

#### **Elder Nominees**



John
Wicker
grew up in
n o r t h e r n
Alberta. He
chose to
follow Christ
at an early age

and baptised in his was teens. After graduating from Bible School, he worked in construction obtaining his journeyman ticket as a carpenter. John was ordained by the Evangelical Free Church in 1998. John and Sharon were married in 1987 and have three children. They have worked with the interdenominational mission organization, SEND International, since 1992 serving in Russia between 1993 and 2011. John continues to provide leadership for the 30 missionaries working in Russia with SEND International. John and Sharon began attending Cochrane Alliance when they moved to Cochrane in 2011.



Brad
Smith
was born and raised in Peterborough Ontario. He attended
Trent

University (BSc) and The University of Guelph (MSc Environmental Science -

Entomology). Brad has been employed in the Agriculture industry since 1982, first in crop research and more recently in Marketing and IT areas. His work has moved him from Ontario to Alberta back to Ontario and then to Alberta again. He has also travelled extensively in North America with work, as well as to Europe. Brad has been married to Lorna since 1977. They have four children, and eight grandchildren. Brad keeps honeybees and loves doing photography, especially macro photography. He also enjoys fly fishing and camping. Brad came to faith in Christ at as a young teenager. Over the years Brad has served as a Sunday School teacher, Awana leader, Building Committee Chair and Elder.



Dan
Williams
was born in
Lacombe, AB
and lived on a
farm in the
area until he
was fourteen.

He was privileged to grow up in a Christian home. He made a decision for Christ at a very young age. Due to a fire he moved with his family to the Okanagan and then the coast where he completed high school. Dan met his wife Winnie at Briercrest and completed a teaching degree at the U of C. They have three grown children, as well as eleven grandchildren. Cochrane Alliance has been a great blessing to both he and his wife and Dan looks forward to what God will do here in this church and in the great town of Cochrane.



Blaine
Ellerby
was born and
raised in a
Christian
home in the
Calgary area.
He was saved

at a young age and baptized as an early teen. Blaine and Wendy, his wife of 25 years, have three young adult daughters. They moved to Cochrane 20 years ago and have Cochrane Alliance attended Church for over 16 years. After 22 years in the telecom industry, Blaine changed careers to work with the City of Calgary, and has enjoyed his last 12 ½ years working his dream job. Blaine has been involved in many roles in church ministry including choir, youth leader, elder, usher, and small group leader. He also has a big love for missions, going on three short-term missions trips to Quebec and Guatemala in recent vears.



- 1) Call to order
- 2) Adoption of agenda
- 3) Devotion and opening prayer
- 4) Adoption of minutes:

Annual General meeting of September 14, 2014 Special General meeting of May 24, 2015

- 5) Report of the nominating committee
- 6) Election of elders
- 7) Reports:

Lead Pastor Board of Elders Treasurer

- 8) 2014-15 Financial statements
- 9) 2015-16 Budget
- 10) New Business
- 11) Adjournment and closing prayer

## Practical Procedures for Annual General Meeting

#### The very words "parliamentary procedure" strike terror into the hearts of most men and women. And rightly so!

Parliamentary procedure, when carried to extreme, can be a bore. It can be a nuisance, and a real pain. However, a little understanding of basic, practical parliamentary rules and procedures will avoid wasting time and ensure that business is accomplished.

So this material is put together with the idea of providing every member with a minimum of details on correct business procedures. Correctly used, an understanding of parliamentary procedure will inform you in the efficient and smooth operation of a meeting ensuring that the majority rules, but that the minority is given a chance to speak.

#### **AGENDA**

Please ensure that you have adequately prepared for the business meeting by reading the Annual Report carefully and noting any questions for clarification. It is also considerate to submit well in advance any new items for discussion at the annual meeting to the Board Chairman. This greatly assists the chairman in preparing for the discussion.

There will be no formal reading of reports contained in the distributed Annual Report. It is expected that all reports have been read prior to the general meeting and, therefore, only questions pertinent to the report will be entertained.

Adjournment will be scheduled and publicized at a pre-determined time. It may only be extended by a majority vote on behalf of the membership, and then only for a maximum of one half hour.

#### **MOTIONS**

#### The Main Motion

This is the most common motion used at any business meeting. A "motion" is the method used to introduce a new subject for discussion at the business session. While it is called the "main motion", it is of the lowest rank or priority. Therefore, a "main motion" can be introduced only when there is no other business before the meeting.

Without making a motion sound complicated, it is important to know (and understand) the eight individual steps in the proper presentation of any motion:

A member rises and addresses the chair.

The chair recognizes the member.

The member states his/her motion ("I move that ...")

Another member seconds the motion (without rising or addressing the chair).

THE CHAIR STATES THE MOTION (ensuring all members know wording).

Members discuss the merits of motion. (Each member receives recognition from the chair first. See item #1 and #2 above.)

Members vote on motion. (Chair says, "Those in favor, say Aye", etc.)

THE CHAIR ANNOUNCES THE RESULTS OF THE VOTE.

#### The Amendment

Although amendments seem designed solely to challenge the ability of the chairman and confuse the membership, that isn't their purpose - honest!

An amendment is designed to change or modify a main motion that has already been introduced to the meeting and is currently under discussion by the membership. An amendment may be introduced at any time during the discussion period.

An amendment is introduced by a member when he/she is basically in agreement with the main motion, but feels that a slight change or alteration to the wording of the main motion might make it even better.

Therefore, all amendments should indicate clearly what changes the member wants to make to the wording of the main motion.

Possible wordings can be divided into four sets:

I move that we amend the motion by adding the words ...

I move that we amend the motion by striking out (deleting) the words ...

I move that we amend the motion by inserting the words...

I move that we amend the motion by striking out the words . . . and inserting the words . .

If another change is required, simply vote first on the amendment that has been proposed - either accepting or rejecting it - then go ahead and propose another amendment to the main motion if desired. It is important to know that you must vote on the amendment first, then you must vote on the main motion (main motion as amended).



1) Call to Order

Chairman Doyle Peterson called the meeting to order at 1:33pm.

2) Adoption of Agenda

MOVED by Bill Popplewell & SECONDED by John Wicker to accept the agenda.

CARRIED

- 3) Devotion and Opening Prayer
  - a. Mike Poettcker shared a devotional on James 1.

We have big decisions before us and we need God's wisdom as promised in James.

- b. Mike concluded his devotional by opening in prayer.
- 4) Adoption of Minutes of the Annual General Minutes held on September 15, 2013, Special General Meeting of February 2, 2014, and Special General Meeting of April 6, 2014.
  - a. Page 36 Minutes of Special General Meeting of April 6, 2014, noted that we should list the full name of Bernie Van De Walle.
  - b. MOVED by John Wicker & SECONDED by Darrel Bender to accept the minutes of the three meetings.

CARRIED

- 5) Report of the Nominating Committee
  - a. Jason Koleba delivered the report of the nominating committee.
  - b. Thank you to Clarence Poettcker for serving on the Board of Elders. He will be stepping down.
  - c. Kevin Leoppky, David Eeles and Tim Carlson are all nominated for a 3 year term as Elder.
  - d. The nominees for congregational reps to the nominating committee are as follows:
    - i. Julie Torrie
    - ii. Marianne Bender
  - e. Vote by show of hands to accept the nominating committee which was accepted.
- 6) Election of Elders
  - a. Members asked to mark their secret ballots to vote for Elders.
  - b. Thank you to John Bosma and Heather Ann Wicker for serving as tellers.
  - c. 109 Ballots submitted.
  - d. Kevin Loeppky, David Eeles and Tim Carlson were confirmed by the congregation for a 3 year term as elders.
- 7) Mike Poettcker led congregation in prayer while tellers counted Elders Ballots.
- 8) Reports
  - a. Lead Pastor JASON KOLEBA
    - i. Jason delivered his report giving a few highlights from his report.
      - 1. Sunday AM Growth
        - a. 392 in 2012-2013 to 418 in 2013-2014.
      - 2. Further Refinement of our Vision
        - a. Refined vision statement, refined plan & a strategy to communicate.
      - 3. Fruit of our refined vision...

- a. Orbital church with building that functions
- b. Pursuing Life to the Full
- 4. Ministry Highlights Children Summer 2014 Backyard Camps
  - a. A collaboration with Bow Valley Baptist church.
  - b. Melanie Shaw shared some memories from camps.
    - i. 10 sites in Cochrane and 3 unique sites.
    - ii. Over 400 registered children.
    - iii. Many answered prayers throughout the week.
    - iv. A highlight video was shown.
  - c. Jason thanked Melanie for her ministry here.
- 5. Ministry Highlights Youth Move to Missional Communities
  - a. Jason Dimnik shared a report via video.
  - b. Launched 3 missional community groups (called 3G)
  - c. One group partnered with Cochrane Pregnancy Care Centre.
  - d. Another group formed a relationship with Big Hill Lodge residents.
  - e. A third group formed inter-generational relationships with seniors in our church.
  - f. Because of this, we see more youth engaging with God.
- 6. Staff New and Newly Improved!
  - a. Mike Poettcker has been added to our staff.
  - b. Larry Charter briefly shared his journey of the past 2 years with his counseling studies and health issues and thanked everyone for their support. He is back on staff full-time as of September 1, 2014.
- 7. Adults Continued Missional Community Expansion and Experimentation.
- ii. Questions and concerns There were no questions.
- iii. MOVED by Geoffrey Anacker and seconded by Dan Reid to accept the reports of the Lead Pastor.

CARRIED

#### b. Board of Elders - Doyle Petersen

- i. Thank you to those who have served on the Board of Elders.
- ii. Staffing changes full complement of pastoral staff.
- iii. Building Renovation Planning
  - 1. We are looking to see a 75% affirmative in order to move forward.
  - 2. Today's vote is the first phase.
  - 3. Fundraising is the next phase.
- iv. Women as Elders
  - 1. The board put forward several steps leading up to our April 6, 2014 vote.
  - 2. We did not reach a 2/3 majority for the vote.
  - 3. We are putting forward a motion to have a resting period of at least three years.
  - 4. We also noted a challenge to our voting practices and would like to make provision for voting in absence.
- i. We have looked at the role of Elders and will develop this further in the future.
- ii. Prayer for healing is a special privilege as Elders.
- iii. Questions there were no questions
- iv. MOVED by Clarence Poettcker and seconded by Bill Popplewell to accept the report of the Board of Elders.

CARRIED

#### c. **Treasurer's Report -** Scott Vlietstra

- i. Scott thanked Yolanda Bosma and Brenda Heavenor who has worked hard to put together all of the numbers.
- ii. We have a very good year financially.
- iii. Actual revenue exceeded actual expenses by \$87 412
- iv. Staff housing loan policy established in the past fiscal year.
- v. Global Advance Fund this is not a budgeted expense –we have achieved the highest giving ever this year \$51 241.
- vi. Significant Changes

- Total budget is increasing by \$114,066 or 16% 2. 73% of increase in the budget is related to Staffing.
  - a. For the first time in a while, we are blessed with a full complement of staff
- 2. Another significant increase is in Christian Education. We have spent very little in the past on this and feel we need to equip better.
- 3. Office expenditures have jumped this budget. We are updating our website and some computer software along with typical inflationary increases.
- vii. A financial review was conducted by an outside independent accountant with no issues identified. viii. Questions there were no questions.
- ix. MOVED by Scott Vlietstra and seconded by Bill Popplewell to accept the 2013-14 Financial Statements and reviewers report.

**CARRIED** 

- x. Proposed budget for 2014-15 is \$815, 855
- xi. Questions or comments for proposed budget
  - 1. Page 53 other general fund revenue why are we projecting less in rental revenue than we received last year? The gross number doesn't include cleaning expenses, etc. whereas the budgeted amount is net so it works out to be higher.
- xii. MOVED by Scott Vlietstra and seconded by Tim Arkell to accept the proposed budget for 2014-15.

CARRIED

- 9. Resting Period on Women as Elders Question 50% majority needed to carry.
  - a. Franc Godri shared about our process of the vote for Women as Elders this past year.
  - b. The Board of Elders would like to propose a resting period for this topic.
  - C. MOVED to have any formal discussion on the issue of women as elders be revisited no sooner than three years from this AGM.
  - d. MOVED by Franc Godri and seconded by John Wicker to accept the amendment to the motion on the Women as Elders.
  - e. Questions or comments:
    - i. Geoffrey Anacker Q. Why 3 years? A. The Board of Elders felt it was not long enough to bury the subject, but less than the previous vote of 5 years.
    - ii. Theresa Voigt Q. Why isn't the church given the option to vote on the length? A. The Board of Elders is giving this as a recommendation. People are able to amend the motion. If this vote is not passed, there is nothing stating that it can't be changed.
    - iii. Sandra Scruton Q. Questioning the ambiguousness of this motion it says no <u>sooner</u> than three years. I propose an amendment as follows:
  - f. Amendment: MOVED to have any formal discussion on the issue of women as elders be revisited no <u>later</u> than three years from this AGM.
  - g. MOVED by Sandra Scruton and seconded by Sandra Weinert to accept the amendment to the motion on the Women as Elders.
  - h. Questions or comments:
    - i. Wayne Hill It sounds like we'd be visiting this every month.
    - ii. Rem Vlasblom Q. Does the original motion prevent the congregation from bringing this forward before 3 years? A. Yes.
    - iii. Wayne Regher I would like to commend Sandra and encourage the Board of Elders to be careful about the recommendations that they bring forward.
  - i. Vote on amendment by show of hands counted by tellers:
    - i. 110 total votes possible; 56 needed to carry (50% majority) total 39 in favor.

Amendment FAILED

- j. Vote on original motion by show of hands counted by tellers:
  - i. 110 total votes possible; 56 needed to carry (50% majority) total 66 in favor.

Original Motion CARRIED

- 10. Bylaw change to provide early voting 2/3 majority required to carry.
  - a. Proposal would allow for early voting (advance poll)
  - b. MOVED to add the following paragraph (as #5) to Article III Government in the bylaws: **"The business week** prior to any scheduled AGM or SGM, church members in good standing who cannot attend the meeting in person will be able to vote by ballot on matters set in the agenda. This early vote will take place at Cochrane Alliance

Church during regular business hours and will be conducted as per the administrative guidelines for this **procedure."** 

#### c. Questions or comments:

i. Brian Winter – Q. Why not just go with a proxy vote? A. A proxy vote means some one else could vote on your behalf. Ideally, a member should physically be engaged to vote. A proxy vote would not allow engagement.

ii. Wayne Regher - Q. How does early voting deal with amendments to motions? A.

We recognize that early voting has limitations. If an amendment is voted on, an early ballot would be invalid. In this case, early ballots would be destroyed.

iii. Sandra Scruton – Q. Could we have more options for time (i.e. 2 weeks)? A. The motion is only a suggestion. There is time to consider that if this is carried.

iv. Jeff Allan – Q. It is an excellent idea to make voting more accessible. I would like to propose email or phone voting (remote voting). A. It is more complex and discussion continues. We want everyone to engage.

v. John Bosma - If we allowed proxy votes, would each member be limited to one?

vi. Jason Koleba – I want to speak in favor of the motion. The goal is not to have less people in the room. Our preference is to have members in the room.

vii. Cody Wilson – My biggest concern is the importance of engagement. Amendments make it difficult. Removal of requirement to be here in person in order to vote means there is less engagement.

viii. Dan Williams - I see both sides to this discussion.

ix. Winnie Williams – Q. Will there be a percentage of the membership that have to attend at meeting? How do you make sure there will still be people attending the meeting?

- d. MOVED by Darrel Bender and seconded by Bill Popplewell to accept the changes to the bylaws e. Vote by show of hands counted by tellers.
  - i. 118 total votes possible, 79 votes needed to carry (2/3 majority). Total 78 in favor.

MOTION DOES NOT PASS

f. Call for a recount by members of the congregation.

i. Rules committee (Darrel Bender and Brian Winter) is consulted on this matter as the vote was by show of hands.

ii. Brian Winter - On a hand motion, there is no recount. If there is was a written ballot, there could be a recount.

iii. Carolyn Gregg - I chose to be here - it's important to be here.

g. MOVED by Don Neufeld and seconded by Theresa Voigt that we revote by ballot on this motion.

h. Vote by written ballot.

i. 118 total votes possible, 79 votes needed to carry (2/3 majority). Total 92 in favor, 20 opposed.

CARRIED

#### 11. Building Renovation - requires 75% majority

a. Jason Koleba - Vision of Church

#### i. Orbital Church

- 1. A strong hub of ministry with a strong building to gather and serve as tool.
- 2. Acts 20:20-21 I never shrank back from telling you what you needed to hear, <u>either publicly</u> or in <u>your homes</u>. I have had one message for Jews and Greeks alike the necessity of repenting from sin and turning to God and of having faith in our Lord Jesus.
- 3. We want to be equipping and releasing people to do ministry outside our church.

#### ii. A building that:

- 1. Remains in heart of Cochrane.
- 2. Facilitate weekend gatherings.
- $3. \quad \text{Adult discipleship to equip to reach out to community}.$
- 4. Serves the community around us and engage with them.
- 5. Houses staff.

#### b. Ken Morris - Conceptual Plans

- i. Thank you to the building committee for all their hard work.
- ii. Ken explained the conceptual plans as previously displayed to the congregation.
- iii. Total cost estimates \$4.7 5.2 million.
- iv. We would be working very hard as a committee to bring that amount down.
- v. \$1.4 million would be in upgrades.
- vi. My dreams for this building include:
  - 1. Children have lots of room.
  - 2. Adults have discipleship room on Sunday mornings.
  - 3. Space for weddings to celebrate ceremony and reception.
  - 4. Meeting spaces that facilitate a variety of activities at one time.
  - 5. Baptisms and child dedications can be celebrated in large group room.
  - 6. Concerts, etc. from community.
- vii. We would use wood to build this building but we are also building relationships.

#### c. Tim Heavenor - Financial Plans

i. All of the plans shown so far are conceptual plans.

- 1. All estimates are based on the conceptual plans
- 2. There is room for changes if we move forward.
- 3. We are voting on the conceptual plans.
- ii. If we moved to a new location, we would look at spending two to four times the cost of renovating this building.
- iii. Fundraising Campaign has several steps if we move forward:
  - We have agreed with Western Canadian District of the Christian & Missionary Alliance to these terms as Financial Milestones:
    - a. Minimum \$1 million cash in bank before start.
    - b. Mortgage of \$1.4 million Would be 10-14% increase to budget.
    - c. Balance of costs (approx. \$3.7 million) would come from pledges to be paid back over 3 years.
      - i. We currently have approx. 270 giving units who regularly give to our church
      - ii. This would work out to \$13 000 per giving unit total.

#### 2. Pledge Timeline

- a. We are asking church leaders to lead in pledges.
- b. Communicate vision to congregation via small groups.
- c. All church event.
- d. Pledge Target announcement around mid-December.
- e. We may campaign community groups who could become users of this space but this is our plan to own.
- f. Depending on where we are at in pledge targets, the building committee and the Board of Elders will discuss options (e.g. scale back, etc.)

#### d. Questions or comments:

i. Sandra Weinert - Q: So it sounds like you are asking us to continue to give what we normally give and attempt to pledge \$4000 over 3 years and help to pay an extra mortgage? This sounds to me like tripling giving? A: Our church's giving is lower than average but our needs have always been met. It's common to ask for 3 times yearly budget (although this is a bit more). Other churches have succeeded in raising this.

Q: Our mission statement is for Cochrane, Canada and the world. This building is only for Cochrane. Have we thought about tithing the amount we raise to give to Quebec and Guatemala? A: It has been done elsewhere but we elected not to do that. Not to interpret this that we are not in support of missions. This is not meant to diminish our other areas.

ii. Wendy Eeles – Q. I asked Jason when we started attending, "How does this church reach out?" As I've studied and looked at the plans, I can see how we can reach out to our community and the world.

know that if God is in this, He will bring the money! God will provide!

iii. Kevin Leoppky – I want to challenge our perspective on the money aspect: How many would lack the opportunity of seeing what God can do by not participating in this? I would challenge us to stick our neck on the line – it's amazing what God can do.

iv. Sandra Scruton – Q. What capacity are we at on Sunday morning? How long would the sanctuary accommodate this building? A. Last Sunday, we had in excess of 530 (130 in Sunday School and 400 in service). We were not using balcony. With this plan, depending on our model of ministry (currently we have older kids in service), we could accommodate 1500 people in 3 services.

v. John Wicker - Comment regarding missions perspective – what excites me is how we use this building and reach out to our community. It still depends on people to reach out. Based on giving numbers now, I think we can do this!

vi. Dan Williams – In reference to missions, what if another person gets involved in missions because of this facility? We need a strong base to go out there.

vii. Brian Winter – Q. The budget that was just voted on has nothing to do with this? A. No. viii. Yolanda Bosma – Regarding rental revenue, I hear from community people who have attended a funeral, etc, then come back later when they need something because we served them. We host business meetings, and community people at moms & tots. If it weren't for this building, I don't know where they would go! People comment to me that they love to come here.

ix. Dave Dawson – There are tax advantages of giving through securities. I would encourage you to consider using this option to give more than your cash flow would allow.

- e. Moved to accept the concept plans for building renovation, as presented today, and to raise the necessary funds to develop and furnish the facility.
- f. MOVED by Ken Morris and seconded by Bill Popplewell to accept the motion regarding the building renovation.
- g. Questions or comments:
  - i. Theresa Voigt Would voting NO mean a vote against this concept? Have you asked God about this?
  - ii. Dave Pahl Cochrane Alliance Church was first to offer help when they moved in 25 years ago.

iii. Scott Vlietstra – As an elder, I asked the building committee to show me the numbers on why this is necessary. To build a new building would cost \$300/sq.ft. Based on that figure, the renovated building would cost \$9 million. A brand new building cost \$12 million. I am in favor of this motion.

iv. Carol Peterson – Doyle and I have lived by faith with Wycliffe for many years. We never know what our income will be from month to month. One month we owed \$100. We prayed and end of month we had \$100 left over Lamin favor of this motion.

v. Franc Godri – I am in favor of this motion. It is great at times like this to have loving discussion. Our lead pastor has a clear vision. Our building is not the focal point; money is not the focal point. We are doing this for the community.

vi.Cindy Koleba – I would like to speak on behalf of kids. On a Sunday morning during Large Group, there are 50-60 kids downstairs. I think if they had a voice, they would say, "Get us some safe space".

 $\label{lem:complex} \mbox{vii. Bill Popplewell - I agree with Cindy on space for kids. I believe in our vision of being in our community.}$ 

viii. Rem Vlasblom - I will support the motion whether the vote is yes or no. I will be passionate. We

still need unity!

ix. Marianne Bender – I would like to clarify about voting NO: we have all been praying about this. God can do anything! We have to have faith. We need to ask, "Am I being a good steward?"

- x. Tiana Dohnal I have a young family. I don't come to Moms and Tots because it's so jammed. To an outside person, that could be a deterrent. Debt is scary but we can look at it as an investment rather than a debt.
- xi. Scott Vlietstra We will not take a mortgage of more than \$1.5 million. We are asking members to commit to pledging and giving cash up front.
- xii. Sandra Weinert I will vote yes because renovating is good stewardship (better than moving) and we are not taking care of our kids by not renovating.
- xiii. Dan Williams People is all we can take to heaven.
- xiv. Cody Wilson Q. What would be the next opportunity to give input as a congregation? A. If passed, a major checkpoint would happen in December. This would be based on pledges. If we have a NO vote, we will need to regroup and something will need to change.
- xv. Carolyn Gregg I respect Pastor Jason. He is our shepherd and he has led us well.
- xvi. Steve Zub Q. If we vote NO to this renovation, would we still need to spend the \$1.4 million to bring building up to code? A. No.
- h. Vote by written ballot.
  - i. 116 total votes possible, 87 votes needed to carry (75% majority). Total 104 in favor.

CARRIED

12. MOVED by John Wicker and seconded by Bill Popplewell to destroy all ballots.

**CARRIED** 

13. Adjournment and Closing Prayer by Clarence Poettcker. Motion to adjourn at 5:28pm.



- 1. Call to Order.
  - a. The Chairman Doyle Peterson called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.
- 1. Devotion and Opening Prayer
  - a. Jason Koleba opened in prayer.
- Explanation of meeting process.
  - a. Doyle explained the purpose of the meeting and the agenda.
  - b. Moved by Kathy Laycock and seconded by John Wicker that we accept the agenda.

**CARRIED** 

- 4. Doyle asked explained how the church has come to the present situation regarding our building and various options that were considered.
  - a. The decision was to expand the current facility to allow us to continue growing and to meet the needs of the church and our community.
  - b. The objective is to maximize the usability of the church building with the proposed changes.
  - c. The original plan was for some more extensive changes which required a larger budget.
  - d. We have now gone back to the architect with a revised budget (max. \$4 million cost).
  - e. We now have a revised plan to present to the church body.
- 5. Bill Popplewell came forward to present the revised plans.
  - a. Bill asked for all those involved in the building committee to stand and be recognized.
  - b. Our new plans address all of our initial objectives.
  - c. One objective was providing safe space for children and we believe that we have accomplished this with the new plan.
  - d. This includes keeping all children on the main floor and moving offices to the second floor to accommodate children space on the main floor.
  - e. An elevator will be added to provide access to the basement and the second floor.
  - f. We are also adding a second set of stairs to the basement.
  - g. One vision is to be involved in the community and the large meeting room which will be added will accommodate 120 people if undivided or 60 in each room if divided.
  - h. A large multipurpose room will also be added to the second floor.
- 6. Questions
  - a. Ken Morris asked about the kitchen. Answer is that it will be a servery and not a commercial kitchen. There may an option to change this in the future.
  - b. John Caldwell asked about the classroom number as we now have 8 and the plan is  $8.5\,$

- Does that mean just one more room? Bill explained that we will have a potential of 12 rooms for classes with the new plan.
- c. Sandra Scruton asked if we could add the second floor rooms that were cut in the future. Bill stated that we could build these if we have a permit in the future. We do have the structural capabil ity to add these in the future if needed.
- d. Ken Morris commented that we will have a reception area on the second floor outside of the office space.
- e. Geoffrey Anacker asked about the 14 months of construction and the potential need to meet elsewhere. Jason answered that we currently believe that we can continue to meet in the sanctuary while the construction continues however we do have in the budget an amount to cover renting space for approximately 6 months. Bow Valley Baptist church has agreed to allow us to meet there either Saturday evening or Sunday afternoon.
- f. Bill Popplewell stated that we did not lose any floor space with the new plan vs the previous plans.g. Brian Winter asked about other funding from the community. Doyle explained that we have not pursued that up to this point.
- h. Vaughn Laycock asked when we can proceed with construction. Doyle explained that we need to have a Million dollars in the bank so to speak before we start construction. The current plan is to start next spring.
- i. Jeff Allen asked how much of the first Million has come in as cash vs pledges and how are we plan ning to manage the funds. Doyle mentioned that we do have the pledges as mentioned and just over \$450,000 in cash.
- j. Scott Vlietstra mentioned that we have separate funds for the project and it is invested with the district at 2.5% interest.
- k. Janelle Martin asked about changes to the library. Bill stated that there is a multipurpose room on the second floor that can be used as a library, prayer room and classroom. There is also an other space that could be used for a library. Doyle mentioned that one key principal is that we want the space to be as versatile as possible for multiple purposes.
- I. Jason K mentioned that we are within 20 square feet in total floor space with this plan versus the original plan.
- m. Sandra Scruton does not see how one space can be used for a library, prayer room and kids class room. She would like to see the library in a dedicated space vs a multipurpose room. Jason responded that granted there is some tension around multipurpose space. We do want the library to continue however we currently do not have the budget to have a dedicated room for a library. There is currently no definitive plan for the library and we are currently looking at having a multipurpose space that would include a library. Bill responded that we still will take more input on how we can use the space that will be added. We understand the need for the library however currently we do not have a definite plan.
- n. Dicksey Higgins asked if we could use the space in the basement for a library or perhaps another space on the second floor.
- o. Leon Hanson asked about the area outside the offices as a reception area and there is a large space under the balcony that perhaps could be used for the library. Bill mentioned that this area is currently committed for storage space.
- p. Marcia Hodgson mentioned that we have a well used library with over 50 books taken out each week. The question is do we really need a library in our church going forward.
- q. John Caldwell mentioned that we may want to wait to put this to a vote due to the state of the economy currently. We are looking at many people being out of work in Alberta. He person ally prefers looking at a new site and selling the current building. Before doing anything to the building we need to upgrade to the current code which is close to \$2 Million. Can we postpone this for a little while and look at other options? Doyle responded that the board has seriously considered options as well as the timing and uncertainty of the economy. There is good mo mentum right now as far as funding.
- r. Brian Winter asked if we had looked at increasing the footprint out the sides. Ken mentioned that we decided to simplify the roof plan and not go with adding to the sides of the building.

- s. Glen VanderBaaren asked about skylights in the roof (9). Do we need this many or is this for esthetics? Bill answered that with the skylights we can conserve on electricity. We have factored this into the plan.
- t. Kevin Loeppky mentioned that he is on the board and thanked everyone for their comments and concerns. He encourages the church body to seek God's guidance when it comes to the church building. We need to seek God in what his overall vision is for the community.
- u. Doyle mentioned that for voting today we are looking for a 75% affirmative vote to move forward.
- v. Andrea? is unclear how this project will meet the current needs and what about potential for more support to come in? Jason spoke about the community needs report which highlighted the need for more space to house meetings and community events. We have seen a 100% in crease in rental of space each year over the past several years. We also have a lot going on within the church that will benefit from more space (children's programs etc.). Jason also mentioned that about half of the families that attend have pledged money so far. We expect that we will have more families pledging money as the project approaches and gets underway.
- w. Vaughn Laycock mentioned that we looking at an overall plan and would like to know if what the rooms will be used for will be still up for discussion. Doyle mentioned that in the next phase we will get full scale engineering drawings and there will be some changes. We are looking to reduce costs as we finalize the plans. We are attempting to make multiple uses of the space.
- x. Ben Harbidge asked about the capacity of the parking and sanctuary. Ken mentioned that we will be increasing the number of services rather that add more space for parking and in the sanctuary.
- y. Karen Trapp is also a little concerned if this is the right time and the right plan.
- z. Bill stated that there are no issues with us parking on the street on Sundays and for a funeral with the town.
- aa. Charlene Caldwell asked about going to multiple services now so that we can increase our num bers and support for the project. Doyle mentioned that we have been back to two services for two years now. In summer the numbers do not justify more than one service. We know of another church that went with the assumption that more services would result in more sup port and they ended up in more debt.
- bb. Heather Ann Wicker thanked the board for all their hard work on this and for looking for the future needs of the church. She also asked about the next steps if we do not meet the 75%. Doyle responded that we will move forward and look at other options.
- cc. Debbie Wansink mentioned that small places can be transformed into amazing rooms with some furniture, cabinets etc.
- 7. Doyle explained how we came to the construction budget of \$4.2 Million which includes permits and fees. This provides us with what we feel is suitable given our needs over the next number of years. Our current pledge amount is just over \$2 Million and we believe that there is potential for more to be pledged. We have agreed to go up to a \$1.5 Million mortgage which leaves us with a gap of \$700 k. We do not plan to extend the mortgage and we have faith that we can raise this additional money. The board wants to ensure that we keep in mind the cost as well as the benefits of the project for the church and for our ministry in Cochrane. Doyle mentioned that he is standing in for Tim Heavenor who cannot be here due to a family holiday.
- 8. The motion before the church by the board is to approve concept plans as presented. Construction will begin when \$1 Million in cash is in hand.
- Discussion on the motion.
  - a. Franc Godri spoke for the motion as a board member. He stated that he is constantly amazed at what this church congregation has been able to accomplish. We have a strong leadership team and much thought, prayer, wisdom and energy has been put in to come to this point.

- b. Bill Popplewell spoke as a Grandpa and he thinks it is great that we can move ahead with a project that will benefit our children and grandchildren as well as the community.
- c. Leon Hanson spoke for the project. He asked how many hours have been put into coming to this point in the planning of the project. Ken Morris answered that the building committee has been meeting once or twice a week to address the project for many months hundreds of hours in total.
- d. Mike Poettcker spoke for the motion. The open the door campaign has been a big part in this.
- e. Geoffrey Anacker asked about an opportunity to amend the motion. He moved to change the Million dollars to 25% of engineered estimate has been secured.
- f. Seconded by Jeff Allan to change the motion.
- g. Bill Popplewell mentioned that we may want to change this to engineered cost of final quote.
- h. Cindy Koleba brought up the issue of all those who pre-voted as these votes would not be counted with an amendment. She is not in favour of the change.
- i. Ken spoke against the amendment as there is uncertainty about what we are talking about with the engineered cost. He prefers keeping the original wording.
- j. Moved by Kathy Laycock that we vote on the amended motion.
  - 1. The vote did not pass
- k. Moved to vote on the original motion
- 10. The vote was counted with 89 for and 11 against with a total of 109 votes. There were 90% for the motion to move ahead.
- 11. Doyle thanked everyone for their participation in the meeting and the concerns expressed. Please keep on speaking as we move ahead with the project.
  - a. Doyle closed the meeting in prayer at 3:30.

### COCHRANE ALLIANCE CHURCH BYLAWS

#### ARTICLE 1 - NAME

This church shall bear the corporate name of the Cochrane Alliance Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada.

#### ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

- 1. Active members of the church will be those members who have been approved for membership by the Board of Elders, attend regularly, participate in the activities of the church and promote the vision of the church. Active members will be asked to affirm their membership commitment annually. If a written response to the Board of Elders request for affirmation is not received, the Board will meet with the Active Member to determine their status.
- 2. Members who do not meet the standard of Active Membership shall be considered Inactive Members, and shall have no voting privileges until reinstatement. If inactive for twelve months, Inactive Members will be advised by written notice and removed from the membership list.
- 3. Active Members who are unable to participate in the work of the church due to involvement in Christian ministries in another locale, may apply for Associate Membership, but shall not have voting privileges.
- 4. If, at any time, the Board of Elders deems that a member does not meet the qualifications for membership, they may, upon careful examination and exhortation of the person, withdraw the person's membership by a three-fourths majority vote.

#### ARTICLE III - GOVERNMENT

- 1. The Board of Elders is responsible for setting a date for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held within the first four months of the fiscal year.
- 2. Notice of all congregational meetings shall be given from the pulpit and shall be printed in the Sunday bulleting on at least two consecutive Sundays prior to the congregational meeting.
- 3. Special congregational meetings may be called by the Board of Elders. Notice of such meetings will be in a c c o r dance with Section 2 of this Article and shall advise the congregation as to the purpose of the special meeting.
- 4. Ten percent or more of the membership may request in writing of the Board of Elders that a special congregational meeting be called and held. Such a meeting will then be called in accordance with Section of this Article.
- 5. A quorum of any duly called meeting consists of the membership present. The business week prior to any scheduled AGM or SGM, church members in good standing who cannot attend the meeting in person will be able to vote by ballot on matters set in the agenda. This early vote will take place at Cochrane Alliance Church during regular business hours and will be conducted as per the administrative guide lines for this procedure."
- 6. All questions of parliamentary procedure not covered by the constitution and bylaws shall be decided by Robert's Rules of Order.

#### ARTICLE IV - BOARD OF ELDERS

- 1. The Board of Elders shall consist of the Lead Pastor and a minimum of three elected elders. Additional elder(s) may be elected as the church congregation grows in number.
- 2. Elders shall be elected to a term not exceeding three years. A three year term is defined as beginning at the AGM when the elder is elected and ending at the AGM three years hence. An elder can serve on the board for a maximum of two consecutive terms after which they must step off the board for a minimum of one year.
- 3. A quorum of the Board of Elders shall consist of a simple majority of its members.
- 4. When the church is without a lead pastor, the elders will have oversight of the services of the church.

#### ARTICLE V - PROPERTY AND RECORDS

- 1. An independent professional accounting firm shall be appointed by the Board of Elders before the end of each fiscal year. It shall be the duty of the accounting firm to submit a written report to the annual meeting with regards to property and records for which a review engagement or audit has been conducted.
- 2. A member wishing to inspect the official records may make such a request in writing to the secretary of the Board of Elders. The request must specify the item the individual wishes to review.
- 3. The fiscal year shall be from July 1 to June 30.
- 4. The spending of funds is confined to board-approved programs and projects. Each restricted contribution designated towards a board-approved fund, program, or project will be used as designated with the understanding that when the need for such a fund, program, or project has been met, or cannot be completed for any reason determined by the Board of Elders, the remaining restricted contributions designated for such fund, program or project will be used where needed most.

#### ARTICLE VI - NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee shall consist of the Lead Pastor and two members from the Board of Elders, as well as two members elected by and from the congregation.

#### ARTICLE VII - BYLAW AMENDMENTS

- 1. The Bylaws may be amended from time to time following a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at an annual meeting or a special membership meeting called for such purpose.
- 2. The active members present constitute a quorum in order to amend the bylaws.
- 3. Proposed amendments to the Bylaws shall be posted for the membership at least two Sundays prior to the date of the membership meeting called to consider approval of the same.

#### **ARTICLE VIII - REVOCATION**

All Cochrane Alliance Church versions of the bylaws which have changed or been deleted at this meeting are hereby revoked.

Amended and Adopted at the Annual General Meeting on September 14, 2014



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#### REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Members of Cochrane Alliance Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance

We have reviewed the statement of financial position of Cochrane Alliance Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance as at June 30, 2015 and the statements of changes in net assets, operations and cash flow for the year then ended. Our review was made in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements and, accordingly, consisted primarily of inquiry, analytical procedures and discussion related to information supplied to us by the Church.

A review does not constitute an audit and, consequently, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these financial statements are not, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations.

August 25, 2015

Chartered Accountants

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#### COCHRANE ALLIANCE CHURCH OF THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2015

(Unaudited)

	F	Restricted	F	estricted	F	testricted	U	nrestricted		TOTALS	TOTALS
	- 9	Capital	A	Missions		Other		General	_	2015	2014
ASSETS CURRENT											
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 3) GST recoverable and other Short term investments (Note 4) Staff loans (Note 5)	\$	185,669 301,469	\$	21,246	\$	47,911 - - 13,625	\$	51,167 7,951 -	\$	305,993 7,951 301,469 13,625	\$ 219,352 4,511 -
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (Note 6)	=	487,138 -		21,246		61,536		59,118 748,263		629,038 748,263	223,863 685,253
		487,138		21,246		61,536		807,381		1,377,301	909,116
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS CURRENT Accounts payable				3,710		13.50		12,464		16,174	16,424
NET ASSETS  Available for operations Invested in property and equipment	_	487,138		17,536 -		61,536 -		46,654 748,263		612,864 748,263	207,439 685,253
	_	487,138		17,536		61,536		794,917		1,361,127	892,692
	5	487,138	\$	21,246	\$	61,536	\$	807,381	\$	1,377,301	\$ 909,116

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Chairman

Treasurer

Please see Notes

#### COCHRANE ALLIANCE CHURCH OF THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

#### Year Ended June 30, 2015

(Unaudited)

	F	Restricted	B	estricted	8	estricted	U	nrestricted	U	nrestricted		
		Capital	,	Missions		Other		General	in F	investment roperty and quipment		TOTAL
NET ASSETS - beginning of the year	\$	7,671	\$	17,411	s	68,969	\$	113,388	\$	685,253	s	892,692
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses Property and equipment additions		513,977		125		(7,433)		(38,234)				468,435
(Note 8)		(93,510)		100		*		-		93,510		0.47
Amortization Transfer approved for Open the				-		2		30,500		(30,500)		
Door capital campaign (Note 8)		59,000						(59,000)		277		25
	_			-		-		A STATE OF THE STATE OF				
		479,467		125		(7,433)		(66,734)		63,010		468,435
NET ASSETS - end of the year	\$	487,138	\$	17,536	\$	61,536	\$	46,654	\$	748,263	\$	1,361,127

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# COCHRANE ALLIANCE CHURCH OF THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE Statement of Operations Year Ended June 30, 2015

(Unaudited)

	ı	Restricted	Ŕ	testricted	٤	Restricted	U	nrestricted	TOTAL	TOTAL
		Capital		Missions		Other		General	2015	2014
REVENUE Offerings General	\$	512,508	\$	60,722	\$		\$	772,634	\$ 1,345,864	\$ 840,207
Designated Short term missions		•		37,563		23,605		3,120	64,288	50,124
Rent		-		1,222		8		20.426	1,222	44,001
Interest income		1,469						20,126	20,126 1,469	19,263
	22	513,977		99,507		23,605		795,880	1,432,969	953,595
EXPENSES								Secretary and the secretary an	- //-//	
Ministries (Schedule 1)		( * )		#C		-		522,528	522,528	413,496
General and office (Schedule 1)		-		-		-		116,486	116,486	108,449
Facilities (Schedule 1)		2.5		#3		-		100,845	100,845	99,831
Missions (Schedule 2)				98,286		-		-	98,286	94,971
Short term missions (Schedule 2) Benevolence and local church				1,096		5.			1,096	40,209
projects (Schedule 2) Local programs and outreach		(37)		70		31,038		3,120	34,158	16,893
(Schedule 2)								60,635	60,635	60,243
Amortization	_	-		-6		-		30,500	30,500	30,500
				99,382		31,038		834,114	964,534	864,592
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	\$	513,977	\$	125	\$	(7,433)	s	(38,234)	\$ 468,435	\$ 89,003

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#### COCHRANE ALLIANCE CHURCH OF THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE Statement of Cash Flows Year Ended June 30, 2015

(Unaudited)

,	F	Restricted Capital	 Restricted Missions	F	Restricted Other	 nrestricted General	TOTALS 2015		TOTALS 2014
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED FOR): OPERATING Cash received from congregants & others Cash paid to suppliers, employees & others	\$	513,977 - -	\$ 99,507 (98,138)	\$	23,605 (31,034)	\$ 795,880 (808,552)	\$ 1,432,969 (937,724)	S	953,595 (853,537)
Cash flow from operating activities		513,977	1,369		(7,429)	(12,672)	495,245		100,058
INVESTING ACTIVITIES Investment in term deposit (Notes 4, 8) Property and equipment additions (Note 8)		(301,469) (93,510)					(301,469) (93,510)		- (18,487)
Staff loans (Note 5) Staff loan repayments (Note 5) Interfund transfers (Note 8)		59,000	1		(15,000) 1,375 -	(59,000)	(15,000) 1,375 -		2,243 -
1049 0950 M		(335,979)			(13,625)	(59,000)	(408,604)		(16,244)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - beginning of year	_	7,671	19,877		68,965	122,839	219,352	12	135,538
- end of year	\$	487,138	\$ 21,246	s	47,911	\$ 51,167	\$ 607,462	\$	219,352

(Unaudited)

#### 1. NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Cochrane Alliance Church ("CAC") is a congregation located in Cochrane, Alberta. The congregation desires to be a church transformed by Christ, multiplying Christ-centred homes, renewed lives and missional disciples in Cochrane, Canada and the world.

CAC is an unincorporated church which is a member of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada, and is included in the Western District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada ("District"). CAC is exempt from income tax because it qualifies as a charitable organization, and is registered to issue charitable donation receipts for income tax purposes.

The continued operation of CAC is dependent on the ongoing donation support of those interested.

#### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Basis of Presentation**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Notfor-Profit Organizations requires management to assess whether there are any events or conditions that may cast significant doubt upon the Church's ability to continue as a going concern. An entity is a going concern when it is able to convert its assets to cash and discharge its liabilities in the normal course of operations. Management is not aware of any such material uncertainties; accordingly these financial statements have been prepared using the going concern assumption.

The Church follows policies in line with the Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-for-Profit Organizations in the preparation of its financial statements, a summary of which are as follows:

#### Fund accounting

Cochrane Alliance Church of the Christian and Missionary Alliance follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions.

The Capital Fund receives contributions and reports activities for maintaining and renovating property and retiring debt, if any.

The *Missions Fund* receives contributions and reports activities for missions projects undertaken by the Church, and provides support for domestic and foreign missions.

The Other Restricted Fund receives contributions and reports activities for benevolence, pastoral housing loans, local missions, and community outreach projects approved by the Elders.

The General Fund receives unrestricted contributions and accounts for the Church's program delivery and administrative activities.

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(Unaudited)

#### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Financial instruments

Financial instruments reported in these financial statements include cash and cash equivalents, other receivables, staff loans, and accounts payable.

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value when acquired or issued. In subsequent periods, financial assets with actively traded markets are reported at fair value, with any unrealized gains and losses reported in income. All other financial instruments are reported at amortized cost, and tested for impairment at each reporting date. Transaction costs on the acquisition, sale, or issue of financial instruments are expensed when incurred.

The Church is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments and has a comprehensive risk management framework to monitor, evaluate and manage these risks. The following analysis provides information about the Church's risk exposure and concentration:

Liquidity risk - this is the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting its obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Church is exposed to this risk because of uncertainty in the amount and timing of contributions expected to be received from its members and adherents.

Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that CAC is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash in banks, balances outstanding on the line of credit, and investments, if any, convertible to cash within 90 days. The carrying amounts approximate fair value because of the short term to maturity.

#### Property and equipment

Property and equipment are recorded at cost on acquisition. Contributed capital assets are recorded at fair value on the date of contribution. Property and equipment are amortized over their estimated useful lives at the following rates and methods:

Land improvements	5%	straight-line method
Buildings and improvements	2.5%	straight-line method
Computer equipment	20%	straight-line method
Furniture and fixtures	10% - 33%	straight-line method

The Church regularly reviews its property and equipment to eliminate obsolete items.

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(Unaudited)

#### 2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Revenue Recognition

The Church follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions. Revenue from contributions is recognized when received.

- a) Contributions restricted by donors for projects approved by the Elders Board are accounted for as restricted and spent according to their designation.
- b) Contributions related to general operations are recognized as revenue of the General Fund and are spent at the direction of the Elders Board.
- c) Contributions of gifts in kind are recorded at their fair market value, which is the amount for which
  a donation receipt is issued.

#### **Contributed Services**

During the year, volunteers are required to assist CAC in operating its programs. Because of the difficulty of determining the number of hours provided and their fair value, contributed services are not recognized in these financial statements.

#### Allocated expenses

CAC reports expenses on a functional basis in the statement of operations, including Ministries, Missions, Facilities, and General and Office. Expenses which are directly related to a particular function are charged to that function. Expenses not directly related to a specific function are included in General and Office expenses, and are not otherwise allocated to other functional areas.

3.	CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	_	2015	2014
	Cash	\$	305,993	\$ 219,352
4.	INVESTMENTS		2015	2014
	Short term investments	\$	301,469	\$ 

During the year, the Church commenced a fund-raising campaign for expansion of the present church site (Note 8). Amounts contributed and not yet required to cover costs, have been invested in short term certificates with the Western Canadian District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. The certificates bear interest at .5% below bank prime rate and are repayable on demand. Accrued interest of \$1,469 is included in the above investments.

(Unaudited)

#### 5. STAFF LOANS

In 2014 a pastoral housing fund of \$50,000 was created for the purpose of extending interest-free loans to new staff members wanting to buy a house upon moving to Cochrane. The loans will be up to \$15,000 per staff person, repayable over a period of 10 years in equal monthly payments. One loan for \$15,000 was provided during the year.

#### 6. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

	8	Cost	10076	cumulated ortization	N	2015 let book value	٨	2014 let book value
Land	\$	105,500	\$	100	\$	105,500	\$	105,500
Land improvements		89,131		58,651		30,480		34,480
Building		994,286		428,210		566,076		503,531
Computer equipment		172,723		133,550		39,173		34,208
Furniture and fixtures	8-	170,643	_	163,609	_	7,034		7,534
	\$	1,532,283	\$	784,020	\$	748,263	\$	685,253

Consistent with the requirements of the Constitution of the District, title to the land and building bought and paid for by CAC is registered in the name of the District. While ownership of these assets rests with the District, their cost and related accumulated amortization have been recorded in these financial statements rather than the financial statements of the District, as CAC uses these assets in its operations and is responsible for their management and maintenance. This treatment is consistent with that adopted by the District and substantially all of the other congregations who are members of the District.

Management of CAC is of the opinion that this requirement does not preclude the recording fo the land and building as assets of CAC, as CAC has exclusive use of the land and building for worship services and other activities.

The District has provided the land and building as collateral to secure advances outstanding from time to time, if any, on the Royal Bank Master Lending Agreement (Note 7).

#### 7. BANK LINE OF CREDIT

The Church has negotiated an operating line of credit with the Royal Bank. The line of credit is for a maximum of \$50,000 and bears interest at prime + .5%. As the line of credit has been negotiated under the Master Lending Agreement between the District and the Royal Bank, the Western Canadian District has guaranteed the repayment of any unpaid amounts. No advances had been received during the year and there was no balance owing at June 30, 2015.

(Unaudited)

#### 8. CAPITAL FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN

During the year the Church commenced the Open the Door fund-raising campaign to facilitate the renovation and expansion of the present church site. The expansion is estimated to cost \$4,200,000 and is expected to be financed from pledges of approximately \$2,700,000 and a mortgage to a maximum of \$1,500,000 from the Western Canadian District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance at interest of bank prime +.5%. Pledges received to June 30, 2015 approximate \$2,000,000, of which approximately \$500,000 has been received. The Board approved a transfer of \$59,000 to the capital campaign from the General fund to assist with start-up costs. Of the pledges received to June 30, 2015, \$300,000 has been invested with the District (Note 4).

During the year the Church incurred costs for the management and running of the capital campaign of approximately \$40,000; these costs have been capitalized and included in the total increase in capital assets of \$93,510.

#### 9. TRANSACTIONS WITH THE DENOMINATION

CAC is a member of the Western Canadian District of the Christian and Missionary Alliance. As a member, CAC works with both the District and the national organization of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, providing support funding to accomplish mutual objectives, including missions efforts in Canada and abroad. However, CAC is not related to the District or the national organization, as each has its own independent Board managing their own affairs.

The following is a summary of the Church's transactions with the District:

	-	2015	2014
District Operating Budget - support for the District office Canadian Ministries - support for Canadian missions Global Advance - support for international missions	\$	23,544 10,969 49,753	\$ 22,693 12,641 51,241
	\$	84,266	\$ 86,575

These transactions are in the normal course of operations and are measured at the amount of cash transferred.

#### 10. PENSION COSTS

Certain employees of the church are members of a defined contribution pension plan operated by the denomination. During the year ended June 30, 2015 CAC contributed \$19,810 (year ended June 30, 2014- \$13,572) to the plan, as included in total staff remuneration and benefits expense. As the plan is a defined contribution plan there is no potential for a contingent liability arising from underfunded contributions.

(Unaudited)

#### 11. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES, NET OF RECOVERIES

Some activities of the Church are partially funded by contributions from those directly participating. The net expense funded by the Church is included in Ministries expense (Schedule 1) as follows:

E	xpense	R	ecoveries		2015		2014
\$	10,668	\$	-	\$	10,668	5	6,842
	27,373		(11,108)		16,265		12,137
	17,078		(8,300)		8,778		6,408
	6,251		(2,540)		3,711		5,144
_	24,402	_	(5,929)	_	18,473		17,198
\$	85,772	\$	(27,877)	\$	57,895	\$	47,729
	\$ \$	27,373 17,078 6,251 24,402	\$ 10,668 \$ 27,373 17,078 6,251 24,402	\$ 10,668 \$ - 27,373 (11,108) 17,078 (8,300) 6,251 (2,540) 24,402 (5,929)	\$ 10,668 \$ - \$ 27,373 (11,108) 17,078 (8,300) 6,251 (2,540) 24,402 (5,929)	\$ 10,668 \$ - \$ 10,668 27,373 (11,108) 16,265 17,078 (8,300) 8,778 6,251 (2,540) 3,711 24,402 (5,929) 18,473	\$ 10,668 \$ - \$ 10,668 \$ 27,373 (11,108) 16,265 17,078 (8,300) 8,778 6,251 (2,540) 3,711 24,402 (5,929) 18,473

# COCHRANE ALLIANCE CHURCH OF THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE Schedule of Operating Expenses (Schedule 1) Year Ended June 30, 2015

(Unaudited)

		2015	2014
MINISTRIES			
Staff remuneration and benefits	\$	443,527	\$ 340,950
Worship resoucres	40.	10,901	11,908
Childrens' ministries, net of recoveries (Note 11)		10,668	6,842
Youth ministries, net of recoveries (Note 11)		16,265	12,137
Adult ministries, net of recoveries (Note 11)		8,778	6,408
Hospitality, net of recoveries (Note 11)		3,711	5,144
Meeting and travel		17,889	18,890
Professional development		8,654	9,303
Library	g-	2,135	1,914
	\$	522,528	\$ 413,496
GENERAL AND OFFICE			
Staff remuneration and benefits	\$	44,618	\$ 42,879
District Operating Budget (Note 9)		23,544	22,693
Copier and printer		13,362	13,084
Communications		10,911	6,635
Office		16,769	15,163
Professional fees	- 33-	7,282	 7,995
	\$	116,486	\$ 108,449
FACILITIES			
Repairs and maintenance	\$	32,943	\$ 35,553
Cleaning		31,123	30,344
Utilities		28,012	25,584
Insurance		8,767	 8,350
		100,845	\$ 99,831

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#### COCHRANE ALLIANCE CHURCH OF THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE Schedule of Missions Support

(Schedule 2)

Year Ended June 30, 2015

(Unaudited)

		2015		2014
MISSIONS FUND				
Global Advance (Note 9)	S	49,753	\$	51,241
Canadian Ministries (Note 9)		10,969		12,641
Missionary support	-	37,564		31,089
Subtotal		98,286		94,971
Short term missions	(1 <u>—</u>	1,096		40,209
	<u>s</u>	99,382	\$	135,180
OTHER RESTRICTED FUNDS		109302	25	//2000
Local church projects Benevolence	\$ 	13,395 20,763	\$	5,753 11,140
	\$	34,158	\$	16,893
GENERAL FUND				
Local missions	\$	42,162	\$	43,045
Local outreach, net of recoveries (Note 11)	-	18,473		17,198
	\$	60,635	\$	60,243

Please see Notes

#### **OVERALL BUDGET SUMMARY**

	2013 (6 months)	2013/14	2014/15	2014/15	2015/16
•	ACTUAL \$	ACTUAL \$	BUDGET \$	ACTUAL \$	BUDGET \$
RESTRICTED FUND (designated) Offerings: *	·				
Capital Restricted Fund	5,901.00	26,157.23	10,260.00	13,482.35	23,400.00
Capital Restricted Fund - Open the Door	-	-	-	500,495.20	570,000.00
Missions: Global Advance	19,284.36	51,241.40	58,485.00	55,518.66	58,485.00
Missions: Canadian Ministries	6,641.50	12,641.00	13,000.00	10,969.00	13,000.00
Missions: Other (specific donor designations)	34,995.00	73,660.45	50,000.00	32,184.70	50,000.00
Missions: AUC	695.00	1,720.00	2,000.00	835.00	1,200.00
Benevolent	7,435.25	13,885.85	15,000.00	11,980.00	15,000.00
Other: (specific donor designations)	6,074.05	4,858.66	5,000.00	14,744.74	5,000.00
Total RESTRICTED FUND (designated) Offerings	81,026.16	184,164.59	153,745.00	640,209.65	736,085.00
GENERAL FUND (incl.undesigated) Offerings	351,819.63	750,168.19	798,660.00	772,633.60	824,385.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS (Restricted + General Funds)	432,845.79	934,332.78	952,405.00	1,412,843.25	1,560,470.00
Other GENERAL FUND Revenue:	102,010.70	001,002.70	002,100.00	1,112,010.20	1,000,110.00
Facility Rental Gross Revenue	10,129.00	19,262.78	18,000.00	20,125.60	8,000.00
Investment Income	-	, -	-	-	, -
Miscellaneous Income	-	-	-	-	-
GENERAL FUND Gross Revenue	361,948.63	769,430.97	816,660.00	792,759.20	832,385.00
GROSS REVENUE (Restricted + General Funds)	442,974.79	953,595.56	970,405.00	1,432,968.85	1,568,470.00
RESTRICTED FUND Disbursements *	83,613.97	170,559.40	153,745.00	242,049.18	166,085.00
* see Summary of RESTRICTED FUNDS for details					
Net RESTRICTED FUND Receipts/(Disbursements)	(2,587.81)	13,605.19	-	398,160.47	570,000.00
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES: (see schedule for details)					
Personnel	223,641.51	412,022.37	515,310.00	514,688.46	544,657.00
Building Repairs and Maintenance	47,774.14	91,481.41	85,195.00	92,077.73	80,665.00
Christian Education	12,533.45	27,299.49	44,305.00	37,845.26	38,138.00
Missions	26,018.27	43,045.00	44,200.00	42,161.73	49,125.00
Outreach	5,235.42	17,198.23	20,300.00	18,473.24	20,050.00
Financial and Miscellaneous	27,874.15	43,278.86	44,750.00	47,249.08	48,600.00
Office	15,618.59	30,641.18	43,470.00	33,386.16	33,130.00
Hospitality +Social Kitchen +Sunshine Convenor	2,434.53	5,144.46	6,700.00	3,710.99	4,400.00
Worship	4,458.04	11,908.35	12,430.00	10,900.87	13,620.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES excl. Amortization	365,588.10	682,019.35	816,660.00	800,493.52	832,385.00
GENERAL FUND NET REVENUE / (LOSS) excl. Amortization	(3,639.47)	87,411.62	-	(7,734.32)	-
Transfers to/from Restricted Fund for Assets/Expenses:					
For Capital Assets	1,803.00	-	-	-	-
Principal payments on debt	-			-	-
TOTAL General Fund Revenues Required	367,391.10	682,019.35	816,660.00	800,493.52	832,385.00

# PROPOSED BUDGET JULY 1, 2015 -JUNE 30, 2016

#### **GENERAL FUND EXPENSE DETAILS**

-	2013 (6 months) ACTUAL \$	2014 ACTUAL \$	2014/15 BUDGET \$	2014/15 ACTUAL \$	2015/16 BUDGET \$
PERSONNEL EXPENSE:					
Salaries, Housing Allowances and Wages	186,190.02	336,802.03	430,960.00	420,642.77	440,790.00
Employer's Share of Payroll Benefits	25,698.59	47,027.09	52,950.00	67,502.17	72,975.00
Subscriptions and Memberships	1,266.85	1,393.38	1,600.00	2,162.01	2,520.00
Professional Development	3,061.70	7,910.03	7,880.00	6,492.12	8,352.00
Employees' Business Expense & Conferences	7,424.35	18,889.84	21,920.00	17,889.39	20,020.00
Total Personnel Expense	223,641.51	412,022.37	515,310.00	514,688.46	544,657.00
BUILDING REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE:					
Interior Building Repairs and Maintenance	12,794.60	28,243.55	27,190.00	28,682.96	24,500.00
Exterior Repairs and Maintenance	2,875.88	8,758.78	8,300.00	6,818.34	8,900.00
Contract Cleaning/Set up and lock up	18,540.00	33,130.00	26,160.00	33,753.98	25,390.00
Utilities	13,563.66	21,349.08	23,545.00	22,822.45	21,875.00
Total Building Repairs and Maintenance	47,774.14	91,481.41	85,195.00	92,077.73	80,665.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION EXPENSE:					
Adult Education	3,428.64	6,407.98	16,650.00	8,777.60	6,100.00
Children's Ministries	2,863.43	6,842.01	11,740.00	10,668.03	16,038.00
Library	1,010.19	1,912.60	2,000.00	2,134.77	1,500.00
Youth Ministries	5,231.19	12,136.90	13,915.00	16,264.86	14,500.00
Total Christian Education Expense	12,533.45	27,299.49	44,305.00	37,845.26	38,138.00
MISSIONS:					
Local Missions Project: Bruce Littlejohn	2,700.00	5,400.00	2,400.00	2,475.00	1,500.00
Local Missions Project: Peterson	2,700.00	5,400.00	5,400.00	5,400.00	5,400.00
Local Missions Project: Wicker	2,700.00	5,400.00	5,400.00	5,400.00	5,400.00
Local Missions Project: Stephanie Zub	900.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	225.00
Local Missions Ellerby	-	360.00	600.00	600.00	900.00
Local Missions Hiebert	-	360.00	600.00	600.00	900.00
Local Missions Quantz	-	360.00	-	30.00	-
Local Missions Petkau	-	-	-	-	1,800.00
Missionary Conference & Contingency	818.27	3,000.00	3,000.00	859.13	-
Partnership: Quebec	1,200.00	5,965.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Seamless Link	-	-	12,000.00	11,997.60	12,000.00
Guatemala Project	15,000.00	15,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	15,000.00
Total Missions	26,018.27	43,045.00	44,200.00	42,161.73	49,125.00

#### GENERAL FUND EXPENSE DETAILS (cont'd)

-	2013 (6 months) ACTUAL \$	2014 ACTUAL \$	2014/15 BUDGET \$	2014/15 ACTUAL \$	2015/16 BUDGET \$		
OUTREACH:		-					
Pancake Breakfast	-	3,203.39	3,600.00	4,571.35	4,300.00		
Outreach Initiatives	255.95	3,484.02	2,400.00	250.00	900.00		
Missional leadership (moved to adult ministries)	30.00	79.46	-	47.98	_		
Camp Chamisall	1,500.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,800.00		
CPCC	2,400.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00		
ISM Dinners	2,400.00	-,000.00	900.00	595.04	1,000.00		
Seniors on the Bow	-	_	200.00	333.04	1,000.00		
	-	-	200.00	-	-		
Support Groups	-	-	-	-	500.00		
Marriage Course (net of recovery)	-	-		-	400.00		
Soccer Camps (net of recovery )/backyard camps	449.47	1,431.36	3,400.00	3,331.02	4,400.00		
Morley Food Bank	600.00	1,200.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	1,800.00		
Alpha	-	-	200.00	77.85	150.00		
Total Evangelism and Outreach	5,235.42	17,198.23	20,300.00	18,473.24	20,050.00		
FINANCIAL and MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE:	FINANCIAL and MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE:						
Bank Charges	· ·	3,354.36	3,500.00	6,594.84	6,000.00		
Accounting Fee	-	7,995.00	8,000.00	7,282.50	8,000.00		
District Op. Budget (3% of Gen. Fund Rcpts.)		22,692.99	24,000.00	23,543.91	24,500.00		
Insurance: Accident, D. & O. and Liability		886.51	900.00	1,060.83	1,100.00		
Insurance: Property Total Financial and Miscellaneous Expense	7,260.00 27,874.15	8,350.00 43,278.86	8,350.00 44,750.00	8,767.00 47,249.08	9,000.00 48,600.00		
OFFICE EXPENSE:		40,270.00	44,700.00	47,240.00	40,000.00		
Communications		5,306.22	13,625.00	9,069.83	6,250.00		
Computer and Office Equipment Maintenance		6,419.10	7,245.00	5,642.08	6,500.00		
Copier Lease and Photocopying Supplies		13,083.91	15,500.00	13,362.16	14,380.00		
Office Supplies		4,503.30	4,000.00	3,470.90	4,000.00		
Advertising	670.09	1,328.65	2,400.00	1,841.19	2,000.00		
Office Equipment		-	700.00	-	-		
Total Office Expense	15,618.59	30,641.18	43,470.00	33,386.16	33,130.00		
HOSPITALITY, SOCIAL KITCHEN, SUNSHINE CONVENOR:							
Hospitality		1,747.90	2,500.00	1,358.47	1,500.00		
Social Kitchen Sunshine Convenor	1,670.09 195.36	2,741.77 654.79	3,400.00 800.00	2,192.43 160.09	2,500.00 400.00		
Total Hospitality, Social Kitchen, Sunshine Convenor:	2,434.53	5,144.46	6,700.00	3,710.99	4,400.00		
WORSHIP EXPENSE:	,	0,11110	0,700.00	0,110.00	1, 100.00		
Audio Visual Maintenance		1,329.94	850.00	481.05	1,300.00		
Décor (Stage)	230.63	1,090.53	850.00	788.79	950.00		
Equipment Maintenance	· ·	2,971.84	3,500.00	3,586.64	4,150.00		
Honoraria(Pulpit Supply,Guest Musicians,etc.)		3,600.00	3,250.00	1,855.00	2,750.00		
Music and Worship		823.54	850.00	659.10	600.00		
Special Services		1,655.80	1,850.00	2,958.22	2,300.00		
Training/Seminars Total Worship Expense	187.95 4,458.04	436.70 11,908.35	1,280.00 12,430.00	572.07 10,900.87	1,570.00 13,620.00		
I Otal Worship Expense	4,450.04	11,900.33	12,430.00	10,500.07	13,020.00		

## Proposed Capital Budget for 2015/16 (with approximate costs)

Priority	Description	Proposed in 2015/2016
1	Computers	\$2,800.00
2	Garage Remaining	\$21,000.00
3	BBQ	\$2,000.00
4	Wireless for kid's space	\$500.00
5	Sound System (3 yr total \$55,000)	\$15,000.00
6	HD Video camera and mount	\$750.00
7	iPad	\$650.00
		\$42,700.00
	Amount in Capital Restricted Fund at the end of June 2015 Additional money needed to meet these items	\$13,482.35 \$29,217.65

<sup>\*\*</sup> Does not include funds for building renovations

