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2014 Business Meeting Agenda

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Seating of Delegates

Appointment of Special Committees:

- **Ballot Committee**
- **Scrutineers' Committee**
- **Resolution of Thanks Committee**

Minutes of October 19, 2013, AGM

Nomination of 2015 Officers

Financial Report

Presentation of 2015 Budget

Regional Minister Report

Reports

Election of 2015 Officers

Other Business

Resolution of Thanks

Scrutineers' Report

Next meeting:

Closing Prayer

Call to Order and Seating of Delegates

CHURCH	Eligible Delegates	Eligible Pastors	Present
Elim, Beausejour	3	1	
First, Minitonas	8	1	
Moosehorn, Moosehorn	3	1	
Emmanuel, Morris	6	1	
Oakbank, Oakbank	5	1	
Grace, Ochre River	5	1	
Whiteshell, Seven Sisters	5	1	
Temple, Swan River	7	2	
Whitemouth, Whitemouth	3	1	
Abundant Life	5	1	
Central	3	1	
Fort Richmond	3	1	
McDermot Avenue	8	2	
Mission	6	2	
New Life Ministries	3	1	
Rowandale	7	2	
Waverley	7	3	
Whyte Ridge	8	3	
Meadowood Manor	–	1	
Meadowood Foundation	1	0	
Camp Nutimik	1	0	
Wellman Lake Camp	1	0	
Regional Minister	–	1	
Guests	–	–	
Executive	6	–	
TOTAL	104	28	0

Appointment of Special Committees

Balloting Committee	Scrutineer's Committee	Resolution of Thanks

Minutes of 2013 AGM

2:20 pm Saturday

Call to Order • 101st Session

October 19, 2013, at Whyte Ridge Baptist Church, Barry Thiessen called the meeting to order with prayer.

Seating of Delegates

A total of 72 delegates were seated for the 2013 Annual General Meeting.

MSC to accept the delegates as presented.

Special Committees

- Ballot Committee: Rob Ter Horst, Gail Seidel
- Scrutineers: Sig Seidel, Dave Holland
- Resolution of Thanks: Kevin Lariviere, Mark Woods

MSC to appoint the committees.

Minutes of 2012 Meeting

Summary of 2012 meeting minutes were presented by way of the Annual Report Booklet. Correct date of Summary from 2011 to 2012.

MSC to accept the 2012 minutes as corrected.

MBA Exec. Recommendation

Barry gave a brief history of how Waverley approached the MBA to become a member church.

The church has affirmed the MBA/NAB Statement of Faith and their pastors have signed the code of ethics required of NAB Pastors.

Words of affirmation of Waverley Church were expressed by several delegates.

The MBA Executive unanimously recommends that Waverley Church, (2171 Waverley Street, Winnipeg Manitoba) be accepted and welcomed into the membership of the Manitoba Baptist Association of Churches.

MSC unanimously to accept Waverley Church into the membership of the Manitoba Baptist Association.

Welcome of New Pastors

Barry welcomed some of the new pastors to the Association: Brad Quiring, Waverley Church; Kevin Trembley, Central Baptist; Curtis Halbesma, New Life Ministries; Brad Muller, Grace Baptist.

Nominations for 2014/2015

The nominees for 2014/15 were presented (Annual Report—page 20).

- Vice Moderator – 2014/15
- Recording Secretary – Dave Henkelman 2014/15
- Treasurer – Al Donald 2013/14

- Church Planting – Sig Seidel 2014/15
- General Council Rep – Harry Pohl 2014-2016
- MBWM Rep. – Daphne Keck 2014/15 (Appointed by MBWM)

Financial Report

Barry drew the delegates attention to the 2012 Financial Report.

Thanks was expressed to Garry Harland for 13 years of faithful service.

Al Donald was appointed, effective September 1, 2013, to complete the Treasurer's term for 2013/2014.

MSC to approve the financial report as presented.

2014 Budget Presentation

2014 budget was presented.

MSC to approve the 2014 budget as presented.

Reports

Regional Minister – Phyl Putz

- Expressed appreciation for interim Pastor Jeff LoCaste's service Emmanuel Baptist, Morris. He left under duress. Pray for a longer interim pastor to come and serve as a shepherd for the church during their continuing difficult time.
- Ron (Erica) Kelway is back in Minitonas as interim pastor.
- New Pastors were welcomed into the Association: Ben (Vanessa) Clouston, Youth Pastor - Oakbank; Brad (Lori) Quiring, lead Pastor -Waverley Church; Kevin Trembley, Pastor - Central Baptist; Curtis Halbesma, Pastor - New Life Ministries; Brad Muller, Associate Pastor - Grace Baptist, Ochre River; Lowell (Jenny) Friesen, Associate - First Baptist, Minitonas.
- Brought greetings from NAB Executive Director, Rob McClelland.
- Thank you for the prayer, physical, and financial support.
- Spoke of his plan, in a couple of years, to retire from his role as Regional Minister.
- 5 out of our 18 churches are looking for pastors. Expressed thanks for the interim pastors who are serving these churches.

Camp Nutimik – Dave Robinson

- Shawn (Kerry) Quinton has been hired as Program Director beginning November, 2013.
- Entering in to a capital funds campaign.
- November 3 is the Day of Prayer for Camp Nutimik.
- Played a video of kids from Camp Nutimik sharing about their experience at camp this past summer.

Other Reports

Reports were distributed in advance through the Annual Report Booklet.

MSC to accept the 2013 reports of all organizations & ministries.

Election of Officers

- Moderator – Barry Thiessen (2013/14)
- Vice Moderator – (2014/15)

- Treasurer – Al Donald (2013/14)
- Recording Secretary – Dave Henkelman (2014/15)
- Church Planting Chair – Sig Seidel (2014/15)
- General Council Rep – Harry Pohl (2014/16)
- Men's Ministries –
- MBYA Representative –
- MBWM – Daphne Keck (Appointed by WM) (2014/2015)

MSC to accept the nominations by acclamation.

Other Business

Pastor Mark Woods conveyed greetings from Rick & Liz Greer of Pathway Camp Ministries. They appreciate the support of the MBA churches. They are currently experiencing a financial need and would appreciate any help that could be provided by our churches.

Week long trips are being planned again for the Summer of 2014 and our churches are encouraged to promote this to their people.

Pastor Terry Janke encouraged the Executive to consider adding Pathway Camp Ministries as a line item in the MBA budget.

Rationale for not having a line item in the MBA Budget up to this point in time:

The MBA has 3 affiliated organizations that are recommended to our churches – 2 camps (Nutimik & Wellman Lake) and 1 nursing home (Meadowood Manor) – for support both financially and with volunteers. They are not supported with a line item in the MBA Budget. Each affiliated organization goes directly to the churches for support rather than going through the Association.

By directly supporting an affiliated organization, a local church develops a stronger partnership with and commitment to the organization.

The rationale is that Pathway Camp Ministries is best served by the direct involvement of our churches (financially, volunteers, and prayer), rather than the arms length involvement represented by a line item in the Association annual budget.

MSC that Executive work with the pastors to determine how to best support and assist Pathway Camp Ministries both financially and with volunteers. Resolution of Thanks Com.

Resolution of Thanks

Thanks expressed to the host church – Whyte Ridge Baptist, the Executive, speaker Anthony Brown and our Lord Jesus Christ.

MSC to accept the resolution of thanks report.

Scrutineers Committee

Affirmed the minutes accurately reflect the proceedings at this Annual General Session of the Association.

MSC to accept the scrutineers report.

Next meeting

Mission Baptist Church, Winnipeg, MB, extended the invitation to host the 2014 Association

Conference/Meetings – October 17-19, 2014.

Closing prayer

Prayed in groups of 2 or 3.

Moderator Barry Thiessen moved adjournment at 4:00 pm.

Submitted by: Dave Henkelman, MBA Recording Secretary



Regional Minister's Report

"I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." – John 3:3 NIV

In a quiet voice, my friend said, "At our company party, I sat there watching men becoming intoxicated and saying degrading things. My heart was breaking, my eyes tearing up. I finally just went home so sad for all the men I work with every day who show no evidence that they know God."

It's so easy to forget that the reason we have been saved is to become part of the marching (promoting godliness), witnessing (making disciples), worshiping (honoring the Father) Body of Christ. Our tendency to obsess on lesser things can keep us from representing Christ well. These thoughts have driven my passion during the past eleven and a half years to help pastors, leaders and congregations mobilize around the one unalterable fact: *"...no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."*

Since my last report, I have continued to work with churches seeking pastors. Presently, eight churches are in some stage of seeking a pastor, four in the Manitoba Baptist Association and four in the North Central Association. In addition, four churches are reconsidering their future, three in the NCA and one in the MBA. While the degree of my involvement varies from church to church, I continue to offer coaching and other kinds of support to leadership teams and search committees. One of the churches mentioned is being led by an experienced interim as they work through deep conflict.

Along with pastoral search work, I have helped churches find interim pastors during pastoral changes. Interim pastors continue to be a great help in maintaining ministry stability and guiding congregations in their preparation for the next long-term pastor.

Coaching continues to be a significant part of the ministry. I offer each new pastor six monthly coaching sessions with the option of more if needed. Since the word "coaching" gives rise to thoughts of athletics, it is important to understand that coaching is an "alongside" rather than a "top-down" process. By skillfully asking open-ended questions and listening carefully to an-



swers, a pastoral coach can help the pastor focus deeply on challenges he has identified. The coach then helps him slice the challenge into “one-thing-at-a-time” pieces in order to achieve progress. When an outside resource is needed, the coach can guide the pastor to access it. Sometimes the pastor already has the resource at hand and just needs to discover it. Sometimes it is another person that he or the coach knows. At other times, the coach has the knowledge base with which to supply the need. It’s amazing how freeing this process is for pastors who experience blockages in life and ministry. Using the tools I have been given, my experience and wisdom granted by the Lord, I frequently enter into consultation with church leaders to help them through other kinds of challenging times. Difficult pastoral transitions, troubled church members, or the need for ministry evaluations and recommendations are some of the areas in which I enter into a consulting role. Recently I have been involved in two pastoral transition situations that seem to be progressing well. I am so thankful God often leads men of God to value the church so highly that self is put in second place. I commend pastors and leaders who take the higher, more difficult road for the sake of the church and the cause of Christ.

I enjoy working with the MBA and the NCA executive committees. They carry a great responsibility and have direct influence on the direction of each association. Pray for them. Respond to them. Support them.

I also thank the Regional Leadership Team, made up of two executive committee representatives from each association. They regularly meet with me, annually evaluate my work, protect and support me. In addition, they have developed a transition process and are working to choose the best candidate to assume this position next June. Pray for them and be alert to their requests for your responses.

This is my last full year report. As of May 31, 2015, I will have completed twelve years in this ministry. It has been deeply challenging and rewarding. God has given strength and protection in the many hours and miles this work requires. From the bottom of our hearts, Jo and I thank you for the tremendous privilege it is to serve in this way.

“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.” – Numbers 6:24-26

Submitted by Phyl Putz – NPR Regional Minister

Regional Leadership Team

The Regional Leadership Team (RLT) is a key support and accountability vehicle for our Regional Minister (RM). This team, consisting of two representatives from both the MBA & NCA (North Central Association), meets five to six times per year. These meetings are conducted online via Skype, with the exception of an annual face to face meeting occurring in late August or early September of each year. In 2014/15 there will be additional face to face meetings to facilitate the transition to a new RM in 2015.



At last year’s Annual General Meeting, Phyl Putz, our current RM informed us of his wish to retire from the position at the end of May 2015. When Phyl steps down in the Spring of 2015, he will have served 12 years as RM. He has served our region well.

Phyl came to the position in June of 2003 after many years of faithful and effective service in the local church. His track record in ministry, as well as his willingness to learn new tools for ministry, has enabled Phyl to speak into the great variety of situations found within in the Northern Plains Region. He has worked hard to understand the people and churches in the MBA. He will be missed.

The RLT has set out the following time line that, with God's direction and help, will be followed in the search for a new RM.

Search Time Line

TARGET DATE	TASK TO BE COMPLETED	DATE COMPLETED
Feb 3/14	Rework RM job description	Feb 3/14
Apr 1/14	Job description feedback	Apr 1/14
May 1/14	Job description finalize	May 1/14
May 1/14	Candidate Qualifications	Feb 3/14
May 1/14	Profile of Northern Plains Region – make up and ministry	May 1/14
May 1/14	Terms of Call: salary, pension, medical & long term disability insurance, time off, vacation, sick leave, education, expense reimbursement.	May 1/14
May 1/14	Begin silent search (public search only if silent is unsuccessful)	Jun 30/14
Jul 1/14	Review potential candidates for position known to RLT, RM, and others in the region.	
Aug 1/14	Prioritize & invite potential candidates to apply.	
Nov 1/14	Preliminary interviews & re-prioritize candidate pool.	
Dec 1/14	Candidate reference & background checks	
Dec 1/14	Arrange final candidate interview.	
Jan 1/15	Recommend candidate to MBA & NCA Executive & membership.	
Jan 15/15	Approval of final candidate by MBA & NCA Executive & membership.	
Jan 15/15	Upon approval, extend invitation to preferred candidate to become the RM of the NPR.	
Feb 1/15	Announce the results of the successful search.	
Apr 1/15	Upon acceptance of invitation, specify succession timeline – start date, overlap with existing RM, etc.	

RM Qualifications & Job Description

1. Northern Plains Regional Minister Qualifications

The successful candidate will meet the following qualifications:

- Spirituality: Vibrant walk with God as demonstrated in the disciplines of prayer, scripture study and meditation, and attentiveness to the Holy Spirit.
- Theology: Evangelical with an appreciation for a divergence of theological frameworks. Agree with NAB Statement of Beliefs and Code of Ministerial Ethics.
- Moral & ethical purity: Meets the standard of overseer (or pastor servant leader) as found in 1 Timothy 3:1-7. Willing to undergo background and financial checks.
- Missional lifestyle: Striving to be on mission with Christ in his environment.
- Marriage & family integrity: Maintains a strong marriage relationship and a family model consistent with biblical standards. (Ephesians 5:21-33)
- Education: Master's level or above preferred.
- Training: Natural Church Development & Ministry Match (or equivalent), Conflict Resolution, Mentoring/coaching, NAB missional movement, and/or willingness to be trained.
- Experience: An ordained pastor with senior or solo pastoral experience preferred.
- Computer literate: Comfortable communicating with the constituency by electronic means.

2. Northern Plains Regional Minister Job Description

Purpose

Facilitate the disciple-making process by actively promoting church health, leadership development and ministry multiplication.

Accountability

- Directly accountable to a Regional Leadership Team (RLT) comprised of representatives from each Association in the region.
- Report to Association Executives and attend when possible.
- Attend and report to Association meetings.
- Evaluations will be conducted annually by the RLT.

Primary Functions

- Mentoring
 - Approach the Regional Minister ministry with a mentoring and coaching perspective.
 - Encourage and equip leaders to be mentors in their sphere of influence.
- Church Health
 - Teach and resource churches to be missional in their ministry – adopting a missionary stance in relation to their community.
 - Make churches aware of church health tools and services and be available to help them implement their use.
- Leadership Development
 - Resource churches in the development of present and future leaders.
- Ministry Multiplication
 - Promote and help facilitate ministry multiplication among regional churches.

Secondary Functions

- Church Clusters
 - Help identify and develop the most appropriate clusters and leaders.

- Pastoral Placement
 - Offer assistance to churches seeking pastors or interim pastors as well as to pastors seeking placement.
 - Encourage use of Northern Plains Region systems and resources.
- Conflict Resolution
 - Offer assistance to churches experiencing conflict.
 - Identify and utilize those who have skills/experience/training in conflict resolution.
- Regional and Conference Representation
 - Communicate and promote regional and conference initiatives to our churches.
 - Represent the churches of the Northern Plains Region in the larger North American Baptist community.

The Regional Leadership Team for 2014/15 is...

Manitoba Baptist Association: Barry Thiessen (Moderator)

Dave Henkelman (Recording Secretary)

North Central Association: Merle Hoots (Moderator)

James Schnabel (Vice Moderator)



Moderator's Report

One of the most fascinating passages of scripture in the Bible is where God is speaking through Moses to the children of Israel and says that he has chosen them because he has decided to do so. It was not because of any skill or majority of numbers that they had, but simply the choice of God. I sometime feel that God continues to make such choices. It is not that the MBA is a large group, or that we have any particular skill in ministry, it is because God has chosen to use us to make a difference in our towns and cities. Everyone of us should be grateful for what God is doing and continues to do. Here are some of the things we should be thankful for.

Once again we were able to book top notch teachers for our Conference. Cam Roxburgh we already know and we look forward to his ongoing ministry in our Association. Scott Hagley will be new to our Association but someone who is known in the missional area of teaching. They will be giving us time to process and think through the material in groups so that it can be inculcated into the ministries of our local churches. We are praying for a great moving of God in our hearts and a great time as we learn together.

I just want to inform you of the progress in the search for a new Regional Minister. The Regional Leadership Team is in the process of receiving resumes for potential candidates and plans to interview suitable ones in the fall of the year. It is our hope that someone will be hired in the spring and will spend the first couple of months in ministry together with the last couple of months of Phyl's ministry. While we look to God to provide his choice, we do know it will not be easy to replace the conscientious ministry we have experienced with Reverend Putz. We also wish Phyl a wonderful retirement and blessing as he transition to other areas of ministry.

In my report last year I mentioned that after a number of years of pastoral stability in our Association, we were experiencing a change because of the retirement of several pastors and ministry changes in other situations. I am happy to be able to report this year that the stability is

returning. Our churches in Minitonas and Seven Sisters have found pastors. Abundant Life and Fort Richmond in Winnipeg are in the midst of pastoral search with Abundant Life further along than Fort Richmond. Central Baptist is in the midst of determining a plan to further ministry in that part of the City. All of the new pastoral staff will be introduced during the Conference coming in October. We praise God for the provision of staff to lead the churches in our Association.

While things are well in most areas and the Churches continue to move increasingly to missional ministry and Christlike thinking, I do not want to give the impression that everything is rosy. A few churches continue to struggle with change and the difficulty of moving to a missional ministry. It is also true that we live in a world where commitment is increasingly difficult. In the MBA we have found it impossible, at the time of writing of this note, to find nominations for open positions in the Executive. I have allowed my name to stand for my present position even though my term is up in October.

On a related note, you may not have noticed that only one member of the MBA Executive is a person in pastoral ministry. I am not opposed to lay people filling the positions, but I begin to wonder if our churches are not allowing pastors the freedom to fill a role in the larger organization. In order for the best leadership we need both pastoral and lay people on the Executive.

It has become increasingly clear that in the light of these difficulties, constitutional change will be necessary. It needs to happen in order to be consistent with the ministry purposes and the registered intent of the Association. This is a project that is large and will take time to complete. Any potential changes will be sent to the churches for review and then, when the review is done and any necessary changes made, brought forward for acceptance by the delegates of the Association.

We are not discouraged. God is still God and will continue to bless faithful service. Pray for our churches and the Executive as we endeavour to be God's voice in the areas in which we live.

Submitted by Barry Thiessen – MBA Moderator

Financial Report

We anticipated a loss for the year ended December 31, 2013 but instead realized a gain amounting to \$13,877.00 thanks for the most part to not expending all budgeted monies and the generosity of our member churches. We budgeted for Church contributions amounting to \$67,916.00 and received a total of \$68,790.00. A schedule of contributions by Churches with comparative contributions for 2013 is included herein for your review. The contributions of our member Churches on an annual basis are vital and appreciated recognizing that we could not continue to function without the benefit of their support.

Interest earnings on our CEIF investments continue to add strength to the Church Plant Fund established in 2004. Fund balance at year end amounted to \$181,771.00.

Women's Ministries income amounted to \$21,146.00 compared to expenses of \$20,206.00. Our Women's Ministries is self sustaining not dependant on Association support.

Our operating expenses for the year were lower than anticipated at the outset. Excluding operating expenses for Women's Ministries we anticipated spending would amount to \$91,038.00 but related expenses amounted to only \$69,949.00.

Here is a breakdown of the variance on expenses for 2013 both budget and actual:

Expense Category	2013 Budget	2013 Actual
Donations – Other	750	500
Program Committee	2,500	4,229
Executive and General Council meetings	4,500	3,130
Office and general expense	8,500	4,475
Pastoral Support	3,000	802
Church Planting (operating)	1,500	0
Church Planting Activities	1,500	0
Church Growth	4,000	0
Youth Ministries – MBYM (anticipated shortfall)	8,500	0
Expended for Designated Ministries	1,000	883

Notes

Offerings for Designated Purposes/Expended for Designated Min.

Strictly a cash transfer. Money collected is dispersed in this case to Taylor Seminary & College Endowment Fund (\$885.00). As at June 30th, 2012 the balance of this Endowment Fund amounted to \$28,510.09.

Year to Date 2014

No unusual financial activity to report for the the first eight months of the current year. Expenses exceed income by an amount of \$16,808.11. Contributions from supporting Churches to date total \$28,806.00 (annual budget \$67,916.00) however, as in prior years, it is expected we'll see significant contribution activity during the course of the next four months.

The current balance of the Church Planting Fund is \$183,257.00.

General

The financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2013 were prepared on a review engagement basis. Our Constitution provides that audited financial statements are required at least once every five years and 2012 was an audit year. We elected to accept this error and an audit will be conducted for the year ended December 31, 2014. The financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2013 are expressed as an opinion not an audit.

Balance Sheet on December 31, 2013

	2013	2012
ASSETS		
Cash	51,496	67,479
Short Term Investments (Note	125,000	100,501
Long Term Investments	181,771	174,027
Total Assets	358,267	342,007

	2013	2012
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	2,383	–
Total Liabilities	2,383	–
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted Net Assets	355,884	342,007
Total Net Assets	358,267	342,007

Statement of Income & Expenses – Year Ended 12/31/13

	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	2012 Actual
INCOME			
Contributions by churches	67,916	68,790	69,158
Women's Ministries – MBWM	25,510	21,146	21,039
Youth Ministries – MBYM	100	10	450
Annual General Meeting	0	5,112	0
Offerings for General Purposes	5,500	0	345
Interest & Miscellaneous	6,500	8,975	11,188
Offerings for Designated Ministries	1,000	883	885
Total Income	106,526	104,916	103,065
EXPENSES			
Regional Minister & Expenses	55,308	55,308	53,499
Donations	750	500	200
Program Com./Annual General Mtg.	2,500	4,229	952
Executive & Council Meetings	4,500	3,130	3,423
Office & General Expenses	8,500	5,981	7,248
Pastoral Support	3,000	802	1,084
Church Planting (operating)	1,500	0	0
Church Planting Activities	1,500	0	6,032
Church Growth	4,000	0	2,000
Youth Ministries – MBYM	8,500	0	1,197
Women's Ministries – MBYM	25,510	20,206	21,106
Expended for Designated Ministries	1,000	883	885
Total Expenses	116,568	91,038	97,626
Net Income (Expenses)	(10,042)	13,877	5,439

Notes to Financial Statements

1. Purpose Of The Organization

The Manitoba Baptist Association, Inc. (“the Association”) was incorporated on May 24, 1972 without share capital under the laws of Manitoba and is a not-for-profit organization that is a registered charitable organization with Canada Revenue Agency.

The members of the Association are the North American Baptist Conference Churches which are duly organized and situated in Manitoba.

2. Significant Accounting Policies

Revenue Recognition: The Association follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Accounting Estimates: These financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. These estimates are reviewed periodically and adjustments are recognized in the statement of operations in the period they become known. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Financial Instruments: The Association’s financial instruments consist of cash, accounts receivable, loans receivable, investments and accounts payable and accrued liabilities. Unless otherwise noted, it is management’s opinion that the Association is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair values of these financial instruments approximate their carrying values, unless otherwise noted.

Donation Revenue: The Association records donation revenue when it is received by the organization.

Donated materials and services: The value of materials and services which have been donated are not recognized in the financial statement.

Recent accounting pronouncements: Accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

The new accounting standards for Not-For-Profit organizations (NFPOs) in the private sector will look quite familiar to stakeholders. The Accounting Standards Board (AcSB) has approved a new framework that is based on existing Canadian GAAP and incorporates the 4400 series of standards which relate to situations unique to the Non-For-Profit world.

The new standards were available as of December 1, 2010 as Part III of the CICA Handbook – Accounting and are effective January 1, 2012. Also, these organizations have the option of adopting International Financial Reporting Standards – an alternative that may be attractive to some organizations depending on their individual circumstances. Although early adoption is permitted, the Organization has not yet adopted the new standards. The adoption of the new standards is not expected to have a significant impact on the financial statements of the Organization.

3. Short Term Investments:	2013	2012
Short term investments are comprised of term deposits bearing interest at 1.0% and maturing in November 2014.	125,000	100,501

4. Long-term Investments:	2013	2012
Long term investments are comprised of a term deposit and bonds bearing interest at rates ranging from 1.65% to 3.75%.	181,771	174,027

Contributions to the Association by Church

CHURCH	2013 Revenue	2015 Goal	Given by 8/31/14	2014 Goal	2013 Goal	2013 Actual	2012 Actual
Abundant Life	121,844	2,437	1,000	2,583	2,458	2,000	1,000
Beausejour	69,104	1,382	0	1,134	1,206	1,200	1,134
Central *	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Fort Richmond	138,695	2,774	2,200	3,033	3,368	4,400	4,400
McDermot	396,612	7,932	2,000	9,343	8,399	9,000	10,500
Minitonas	193,000	3,860	0	4,057	3,784	5,000	5,000
Mission	182,437	3,649	2,250	3,662	4,842	4,575	4,750
Moosehorn	92,004	1,840	882	1,764	1,745	1,745	1,408
Morris	263,679	5,274	2,250	5,015	6,072	4,500	4,875
New Life Min.	64,803	1,296	0	1,414	1,303	1,414	1,650
Oakbank	253,899	5,078	3,645	4,371	4,695	4,696	4,881
Ochre River	192,338	3,847	0	3,224	3,224	4,000	5,000
Rowandale	456,457	9,129	9,000	8,875	8,875	9,000	8,000
Swan River	245,730	4,915	2,425	4,853	4,222	4,300	4,300
Waverley	413,138	8,263	2,160	–	–	–	–
Whitemouth *	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Whiteshell	117,575	2,352	2,995	2,995	2,069	2,260	2,260
Whyte Ridge	698,151	13,963	5,950	13,341	11,443	10,700	10,000
TOTAL	3,899,464	77,989	36,757	69,664	67,705	68,790	69,158

* No Data # 2014 Budget

Projected Church Contributions

The requested contribution for each church in 2015 is based on 2% of total church budget/giving reported for 2013 and in some case the 2014 budget. Any shortage in giving will be drawn down from MBA surplus funds.

Please consider making your contributions in quarterly installments.

Based on % of Total Giving/Revenue	2015/2%	2014/2%	2013/2%
Total Giving/Revenue Base	3,899,464	3,549,338	3,395,804
Projected/potential Contributions	77,989	70,987	67,916
Actual Contrib. (2014 figure as of	–	34,417	68,790
Contributions Over (Short)		(36,570)	874

Submitted by Allan Donald – MBA Treasurer

2015 Proposed Budget

	2015 Budget	8/31/14 Actual	2014 Budget	2013 Budget	2013 Actual
INCOME					
Church Contributions	77,989	36,757	75,000	67,916	68,790
General Fund Offerings	100	0	100	100	0
Women's Ministries - MBWM	7,500	8,669	27,000	25,510	21,146
Youth Ministries - MBYM	100	0	500	5,500	10
Designated Offerings	1,000	–	1,000	1,000	883
Interest & Miscellaneous	6,500	310	6,500	6,500	8,975
Annual Conference	4,000	0	–	–	5,112
Total Receipts	97,189	45,736	110,100	106,526	104,916
EXPENDITURES					
Regional Minister	59,778	31,084	58,630	55,308	55,308
Donations (EFC, etc.)	750	–	750	750	500
Annual Conference (Prog. Com.)	4,000	411	4,000	2,500	4,229
Executive/General Council	4,500	2,233	4,500	4,500	3,130
Office & General	8,500	4,405	8,500	8,500	4,482
Pastoral Support	3,000	–	3,000	3,000	802
Church Planting Operating	0	–	–	1,500	–
Church Planting Activities	2,000	–	2,000	1,500	–
Church Growth	0	–	2,000	4,000	–
Youth Ministries – MBYM	1,000	–	3,500	8,500	–
Women's Ministries – MBWM	7,500	10,241	27,000	25,510	20,206
Pathway Camp Min. (Garden Hill)	7,000	–	–	–	–
Designated Offerings	1,000	–	1,000	1,000	883
Total Expenditures	99,028	48,374	114,880	116,568	89,540
Net Income (Expense)	(1,839)	(2,638)	(4,780)	(10,042)	15,376

Proposed Budget Notes

The proposed budget for 2015 is submitted for your consideration and approval. With respect to expenses the budget for 2015 is linked primarily to historical spending with consideration given to contingencies regarded as potentially possible and within the scope of Association areas of responsibility.

Compared to the budget for this year (2014) anticipated spending will be comparable with the exception of the Pathway Camp Ministries line item. \$7,000 has been budgeted to cover the cost to send individuals/teams to Northern Manitoba First Nations communities through Pathway Camp Ministries.

An increase of \$1,172.00 for Regional Minister expenses is expected. This represents a 2% increase over the 2014 budget. Church Planting and Church Growth line items have been combined in to one under the title Church Planting Activities. Any major expenses incurred for planting a church will be covered by the Church Plant Fund (\$183,257.00).

Recording Secretary's Report

Church Membership/Attendance Statistics 2013

CHURCH	Year Org.	Mem. Dec 12	Mem. Dec 13	Baptisms	12 Avg. Worship	13 Avg. Worship
Beausejour	1958	42	40	0	45	51
Mintonas, First	1928	206	214	0	120	114
Moosehorn	1918	51	50	0	68	57
Morris	1896	124	122	0	122	106
Oakbank	1895	125	97	1	135	124
Ochre River	1927	96	97	7	100	82
Seven Sisters	1906	66	63	0	78	78
Swan River	1947	164	161	1	135	135
Whitemouth	1960	0	0	0	0	0
Winnipeg:						
Abundant Life	1994	72	66	3	75	82
Central*	1980	0	0	0	0	0
Forth Richmond	1972	28	23	3	66	60
McDermot Ave.	1889	209	211	2	190	177
Mission	1949	130	128	0	119	120
New Life Min.	1993	26	26	0	40	45
Rowandale	1953	194	194	11	234	223
Waverley	1984	–	158	3	–	258
Whyte Ridge	1961	207	217	10	347	371
TOTALS		1,740	1,867	41	1,874	2,083

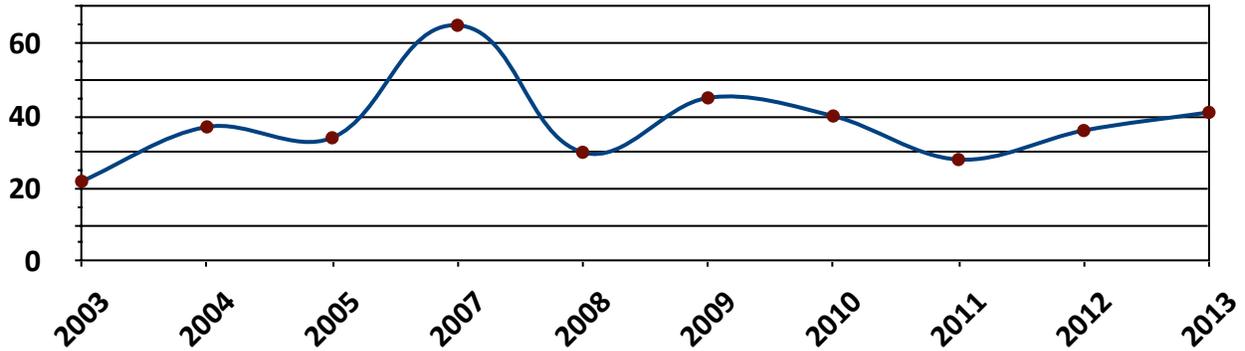
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Church Financial Statistics 2013

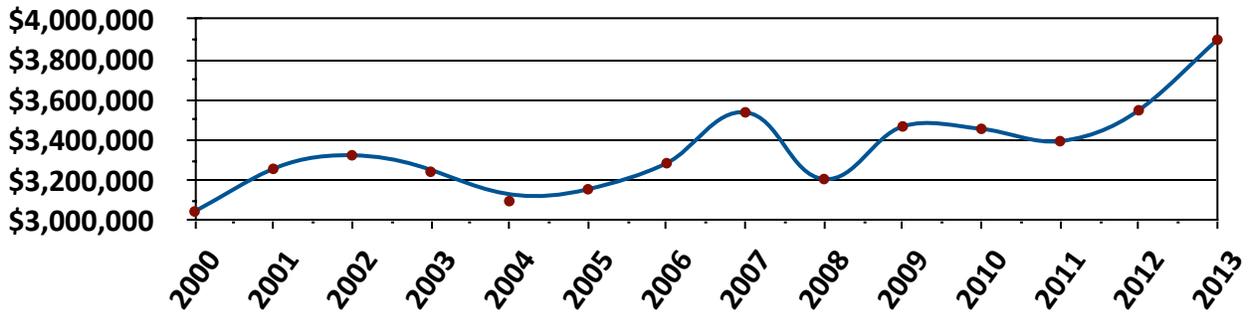
CHURCH	Total 2013	Avg. Per Mem. 13	Avg. Per Att. 13	Total 2012	Avg. Per Mem. 12	Avg. Per Att. 12
Beausejour, Elim	69,104	1,728	1,355	56,700	1,350	1,260
Minitonas, First	193,000	902	1,693	202,843	985	1,690
Moosehorn, Moosehorn	92,004	1,840	1,614	88,194	1,729	1,297
Morris, Emmanuel	263,679	2,161	2,488	250,771	2,022	2,056
Oakbank, Oakbank	253,899	2,618	2,048	218,537	1,748	1,619
Ochre River, Grace	192,338	1,983	2,346	161,194	1,679	1,612
Seven Sisters, Whiteshell	117,575	1,866	1,507	149,759	2,269	1,920
Swan River, Temple	245,730	1,526	1,820	242,640	1,480	1,797
Whitemouth	–	–	–	–	–	–
Winnipeg:						
Abundant Life	121,844	1,846	1,486	129,128	1,793	1,722
Central*	–	–	–	66,187	–	–
Fort Richmond	138,695	6,030	2,312	151,667	5,417	2,298
McDermot Ave.	396,612	1,880	2,241	467,132	2,235	2,459
Mission	182,437	1,425	1,520	183,104	1,408	1,539
New Life Ministries	64,803	2,492	1,440	70,678	2,718	1,767
Rowandale	456,457	2,353	2,047	443,754	2,287	1,896
Waverley	413,138	2,615	1,601	–	–	–
Whyte Ridge#	698,151	3,217	1,882	667,050	3,222	1,922
TOTALS	3,899,464	2,117	1,737	3,549,338	2,156	1,790

* No current data # 2014 budget

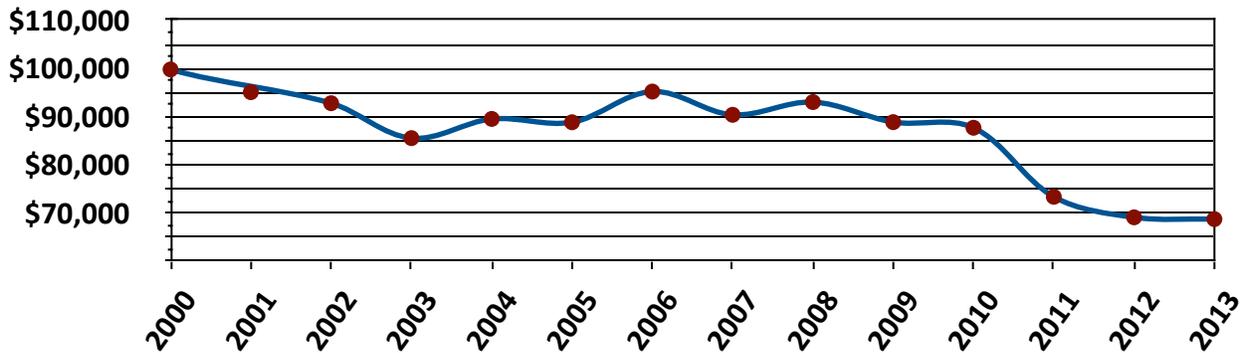
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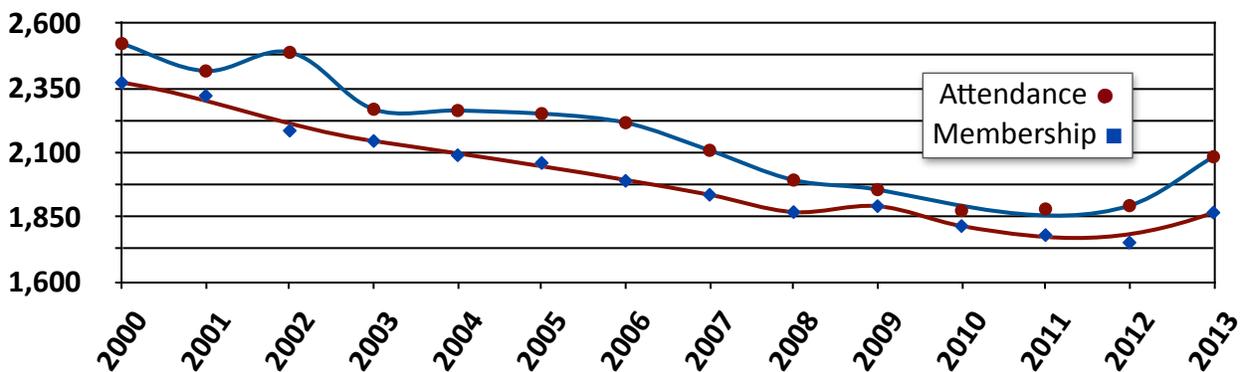
Total Church Giving 2000 – 2013



Giving to the MBA 2000 – 2013



Membership & Attendance 2000 – 2013



Nominating Committee

Moderator	Barry Thiessen 2015/2016
Vice Moderator 2015
Treasurer	Al Donald 2015/2016
Recording Secretary.....	Dave Henkelman2014/2015
Church Planting Chair.....	Sig Seidel2014/2015
General Council Rep.....	Harry Pohl2014/2016
Women's Ministry Rep.....	Daphne Keck2014/2015

Women's Ministries

This past year WM celebrated the 40th Anniversary of our MBA Women's Retreat. MBA financially assisted us in bringing in Flashpoint, a drama team from Michigan, to be our speakers at Elkhorn Retreat. Thank you, MBA, for your financial assistance. The Flashpoint team was a special blessing to all of us as they brought us challenging messages utilizing music, movement and drama. Again, Joan van der Linde as the Worship leader, plus the workshops on prayer, internet use and sharing of Retreat highlights over the past 40 years, made us marvel at God's faithfulness through the years. We are thankful for the capable leadership Beth Gust has provided as Retreat Committee chair since 2009 and for her willingness to be a resource to the new members of the Retreat committee: Lisa Bater and Shirley Wynne. Thank you, also, to the other members of the Retreat committee who each use their gifting to make Retreat such a special event: Rhea Jenkinson, Grace Elke, Luella Lausman, and Judy Hart.



As the Flashpoint Team pointed out: when we say, "I can't do this, God." God answers: "Good, because I can." God can take an ordinary life, made useful by God and use that life on His "A-team." Our Retreat committee has definitely blessed us by allowing themselves to be used of God on His "A-Team."

Thank you, to Dave Henkelman for helping us provide online registration for the Retreat. We ask for your help in ensuring that the promotional material, that comes to your church, either by e-mail or letter, is passed on to the women in your church. Each year we budget for sponsorships to pay for 4 registrations to the Retreat. Two of the sponsorships are provided to a MBA church on an alphabetically rotating basis. McDermot Baptist in Winnipeg, received these sponsorships this past year and next year, they will be given to Mission Baptist. The other 2 sponsorships are available upon request by a church or an individual who needs financial assistance to enable attendance. We encourage the churches to also consider blessing a woman in your community by sponsoring her to attend the Retreat.

March 1, 2014 Women's Ministries hosted a Mission Brunch at Whyte Ridge with Ron and Jeannie Seck as the speakers. They described their life-changing work amongst the Roma communities in Europe.

Whyte Ridge hosted the Women's luncheon at the MBA AGM and conference last year. Our speaker, Flo Fried, shared a very informative session on Bi-polar Affective Disorder.

We thank our ladies for their continued stewardship awareness and generosity in supporting our Outreach projects. See the attached financial report reflecting how your contributions have been

used to bless others.

Many thanks to our faithful WM leadership team:

Rita Mueller – secretary
 Evelyn Bredin – treasurer
 Rhonda Keppler – Missions Co-ordinator
 Beth Gust – Spiritual Growth Co-ordinator
 Rose Winkler – White Cross
 Members at Large: Grace Elke, Dorothy DeVries

Beth Gust will be stepping down as the Spiritual Growth Co-ordinator. We are praying for women to join the Leadership Team and the Retreat Planning Committee.

Please prayerfully consider joining the team.

We have been blessed and privileged to be part of God's service in joining together as women to support and encourage other women in ministry.

Submitted by Daphne Keck – MBWM Coordinator

Women's Ministry 2013 Budget/Actual

		2013 Budget	2013 Actual
OUTREACH MIN.	Carol Potratz - Missionary To Japan	\$1,000	\$1,000
	Florinda Serafin - Brazil	\$500	\$500
	Taylor College & Seminary - Bursaries	\$500	\$500
	Nab Conf Wm	\$600	\$600
	Lake Nutimik - Staff Scholarship	\$500	\$500
	Wellman Lake Bible Camp	\$500	\$500
	Women's Retreat Sponsorship	\$460	\$345
	TOTAL OUTREACH MINISTRIES	\$4,060	\$3,945
EXECUTIVE	Miscellaneous	\$50	\$218
	Postage/Stationery	\$50	\$28
	Travel	\$1,200	\$489
	TOTAL EXECUTIVE	\$1,300	\$735
LEADERSHIP	Speaker Honorarium/Travel	\$0	\$0
DEVELOPMENT	Appreciation/Church Women Leaders	\$500	\$220
	TOTAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	\$500	\$220
MBA WM AGM	Speaker Honourarium/Travel	\$350	\$350
	Miscellaneous	\$50	\$20
	TOTAL MBA WM AGM	\$400	\$370
MISSION EVENTS	Speaker Honorarium/Travel	\$200	\$0
	Hosting	\$800	\$0

		2013 Budget	2013 Actual
	TOTAL MISSION EVENTS	\$1,000	\$0
RETREAT	All Workshops	\$200	\$316
	Venue	\$11,000	\$8,635
	Speaker	\$2,000	\$1,909
	Worship	\$500	\$760
	Special Touches	\$600	\$399
	Team Meetings	\$300	\$0
	Publicity/Promotion	\$300	\$15
	Miscellaneous	\$150	\$13
	TOTAL RETREAT	\$15,050	\$12,046
MINISTRY WIVES	Speaker, Venue, Misc.	\$3,200	\$2,839
RETREAT	TOTAL MINISTRY WIVES RETREAT	\$3,200	\$2,839
	TOTALS	\$25,510	\$20,156

Women's Ministry 2013 Income/Expenses

CHURCHES	2012	2013
First Baptist (Minitonas)	400	200
Grace Baptist (Ochre River)	300	300
Oakbank Baptist (Oakbank)	200	0
Temple Baptist (Swan River)	200	200
Mission Baptist (Winnipeg)	0	250
TOTAL	1,100	950
GST rebate	208	178
TOTAL	208	178
BANK - Interest	6	5
TOTAL	6	5
MISCELLANEOUS		
Book Table - Retreat (Offset by expense)	332	0
Women's Retreat Craft (Offset by Expense)	0	216
Silent Auction - Retreat	570	772
Mission Conference (Refund of Honorarium)	200	0
MBA (Accomodations for African Women)	246	0
Anonymous Donor (Retreat expenses)	400	0
TOTAL	1,748	988

INCOME/EXPENSES (CONTINUED)	2012	2013
OFFERINGS		
Annual Meeting	1,984	1,425
Retreat	2,040	2,059
TOTAL	4,024	3,484
REGISTRATIONS		
Ministry Wives Retreat	2,200	3,175
Retreat (Incl. \$34 fr. Outreach Retreat Sponsorships)	10,004	12,365
TOTAL	12,204	15,540
TOTAL INCOME	19,290	21,146
EXPENSES	(19,083)	(20,156)
PROFIT/(LOSS)	208	939
RECAP		
Bank Balance – Dec 31, 2012		10,007
Expenses 2013		20,156
Income 2013		21,146
Bank Balance – Dec 31, 2013		10,997

Church Planting Ministries

MBA moderator Barry Thiessen, our regional minister Phyl Putz, and I, have been meeting with the leadership of Central Baptist Church to set a path for its future. More details will be released at the AGM. Please pray for wisdom for the existing church board and the MBA team as options are being considered.

Submitted by Sig Seidel – Church Planting Chair

Lake Nutimik Baptist Camp

No report submitted.

Wellman Lake Bible Camp

As I write this report, it is hard to believe the 2014 camping season is already over, at least from the formal perspective. There are still reports to write and assess, camper follow-ups to put in place, and of course, planning for 2015 to begin.



During the camping season of 2014, it was again a year to watch God unfold His plan for the camp. He brought an amazing staff together that brought the theme of “Beloved” to life for the

campers. We had a total of 157 campers in six different camps, ranging in age from Pre-Squirt to Youth. We had great speakers that had the opportunity to speak each day. Not only did these speakers speak in the chapels, but they also interacted with the campers during the day, which made connecting with them during chapels so much more effective.

This year saw some new activities that were real hits. One was a zip-line and the second was sling-shot paint ball. These new activities were played along with the regular games, the ropes course and waterfront. While these are all fun activities, the true reason for camp is to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ to each camper. A comment heard from a first-time camper, (a camper that could be considered as coming from a non-church background), was that what he enjoyed most about camp was the chapel sessions. Right-on!

It is no secret that many rural communities are shrinking and the number of families and children are decreasing. This year we found ourselves with more camp capacity than campers in all but one camp. While this may seem a challenge, it is also an opportunity. This opportunity is for us as a camp to be available for families still looking for summer programming. It is an opportunity not to have to say "sorry, we are full".

We have been blessed to offer a Christian Camp experience to families at a very affordable rate. We look forward to how God will work through WLBC in the future. Please continue to pray for WLBC that we will continue to be faithful to our Saviour with the facilities he has entrusted us to use, and to continue reaching out to children who need to hear of HIS love.

Submitted by Lorne Muller, on behalf of the WLBC Board



Meadowood Manor Chaplaincy

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." – Hebrews 13:8

The chorus of an old hymn goes this way:

"Yesterday, today, forever, Jesus is the same. All may change, but Jesus never! Glory to His Name! Glory to His Name! Glory to His Name! All may change, but Jesus never! Glory to His Name!"

It is so great to know that we have a God who is always with us and his character, His power, His care and His provision never changes: He still saves (Hebrews 7:25) - He still forgives (1 John 1:9) - He still gives peace (Isaiah 26:3-4) - He still guides us (Psalm 32:8) - He still gives us wisdom (James 1:5) - He still comforts us (2 Cor. 1:3-4). The list could go on and on of how faithful our God is in a changing world. What a great message we have to share with those around us.

Thank you for the privilege of sharing with all of you what God is doing at Meadowood Manor because of the faithfulness of so many of God's people.

I would like to briefly tell you about some of the cheers, challenges, changes and confidences we have seen this past year at Meadowood as we have shared with the residents, tenants, family members, staff and others about our faithful unchanging God.

Some Cheers

- Faithful churches – Cheers for all the faithful Churches who pray, give, volunteer and encour-

age the Chaplaincy Ministry at Meadowood. Remember this is YOUR ministry to seniors.

- Faithful staff – Cheers to all the faithful staff at Meadowood. It is a pleasure to work a long side them to provide our residents & tenants the best care possible. Special thanks to our CEO (Laurie).
- Faithful boards and committees - Cheers to all the faithful board members and committee members who volunteer their time to oversee and assist in making Meadowood such a great place.

Some Challenges

- Deaths – This past year we have seen a larger number than usual of residents and tenants pass away. We get to know them and their families; so it is hard to see them go. It is also a challenge to get to know the new ones when they join us.
- Flood – As many of you may know we had a major water line break in our Towers. There was extensive damage. We had to cancel many of our activities: Bible Study, Prayer Meeting, Coffee time, and others. By the time you read this, most of these activities will have started up again.

Some Changes

- New chairs – Thanks to the Meadowood foundation and all of you we have new chairs in the fellowship Hall and Chapel. We appreciate them very much.
- New Piano – We are so thankful for the new baby grand piano that we have to use for our Morning Song, Sing A-longs and Sunday Services. Again thank you to all of you.
- New P.A. System – The new system works great, is easy to use. Thanks so much.

Some Confidences

- God still answers prayer - Thank you to all of you for praying for Meadowood and especially for the Chaplaincy ministry. We must always remember that God works through the prayers of His people.
- God still works in lives – We still are seeing residents, tenants and others respond to God's Word. This past year we have seen them trust the Lord and open their heart to Him.
- God still uses His people – We are so thankful to all of you for making the Meadowood Manor Chaplaincy possible. Thanks for how you allow God to use you as we reach out to seniors.

Submitted by David (and Darlene) Holland – Chaplain

Meadowood Manor Foundation Inc.

Meadowood Manor Foundation Inc. is a Manitoba non-profit, charitable corporation whose purpose is fundraising in support of Meadowood Manor. At present, the Foundation's Board of Directors is the following:

Ed Bergstresser (Emmanuel), Allan Donald (Whyte Ridge), Anneliese Kunze (McDermot), Cheryl Liessens (Rowandale), Edith Matychuk (Rowandale), Richard Michta (Whyte Ridge), Norman Patzia (McDermot), Norman Piel (Whyte Ridge) and Pauline Senior (Abundant Life).

The Foundation's fundraising activities has two objectives:

Chaplaincy Program

The Foundation's primary objective is to raise all funds necessary to pay for Meadowood Manor's Chaplaincy Program. The Chaplaincy Program proclaims the truth, love and compassion of Jesus Christ on a full-time basis to all those who reside at Meadowood Manor, to all staff at Meadowood Manor, and to Meadowood Manor's community-at-large, which makes Meadowood Manor a tremendous mission field! Without the Chaplaincy Program, Meadowood Manor is just another seniors' residence.

Special Projects

The Foundation's secondary objective is to raise some or all of the funds required for various "Special Projects" that are undertaken to improve the Meadowood Manor facility, and therefore improve the lives of those who call Meadowood Manor "home". These Special Projects are initiatives that are either fully or partially funded by the Foundation, and are undertaken in consultation with Meadowood Manor's Chief Executive Officer, Laurie Cerquetti.

The significant activities undertaken by the Foundation to carry out its objectives over the past year were as follows:

- The Foundation once again provided full funding for Meadowood Manor's full-time Chaplaincy Program. The entire Meadowood Manor community is so blessed to be faithfully served by Chaplain Rev. David Holland, who is joined in his ministry by his loving and supportive wife Darlene.
- The Foundation held 3 very successful fund raising events: Chaplaincy Support Concert (October 26, 2013); Annual Fund Raising Dinner (May 29, 2014); and Annual Charity Golf Tournament (August 25, 2014).
- The Foundation purchased a new Sound System for the Chapel (\$14,300).
- The Foundation purchased 160 new and very comfortable chairs for the Chapel (\$6,900).
- The Foundation purchased a new Chapel baby grand Piano and cover (\$7,068).
- The Foundation purchased a new John Deere Tractor (\$35,360), which is used primarily in the winter months for snow clearing on the parking lots, sidewalks and all walkways.
- The Foundation purchased a new Active/Passive Exerciser for the Personal Care Home (\$6,954), which allows those personal care home residents that are able to obtain much needed exercise, under appropriate supervision.
- The Foundation purchased 3 new Staff Room Recliners (\$1,594), which provide the Staff with additional comfort during their work breaks.
- The Foundation purchased 500 English and 100 French "Psalm 91 Cards" (\$339), which are produced by "Ministry of Psalm 91 Inc." headed by Anita Pedde (Rowandale). The cards are used by Chaplain Holland and others at Meadowood Manor as encouragement and/or introduction cards, and list the Chaplain's contact details.

We thank the many volunteers and supporters from the churches of the Manitoba Baptist Association, and the churches themselves, for their continued support of Meadowood Manor's commitment to obey Jesus Christ's teaching to compassionately care for our elderly.

Submitted by Norman Piel – President and Chair of the Board of Directors



NAB General Council Rep.

Due to the resignation of Executive Director Rob McClelland, and the continuing work on the organizational review on the structure of our conference, our meeting started at 3:00 pm instead of the usual 6:00 pm. The time between 3 & 6 pm was taken up by reports from cooperating and ministry organizations.

1. NAB Foundation: Ron Norman reported the foundation launched a new website. Results of 2013 cash designations came to a total of \$327,548 to further NAB conference ministries. One of the problems the foundation encounters is not being invited by churches to provide the many services they have to offer.
2. Women's Ministry: Mrs. Jan Ewing reported a bi-monthly news letter (E-Java) connects women in the NAB.
3. Youth Ministry: Mark Jaspers encourages youth pastors to attend Youth Quake this year in California.
4. Church Extension Investors Fund: Rob Glim reported on behalf of Les Collins that they opened a California office. They now will work out of two offices, California and Illinois.
5. Sioux Falls Seminary, president, Greg Hensen, reported their location in Omaha, Nebraska, is the only accredited option for theological education in Omaha, an area of 1.5 million people.
6. Taylor College and Seminary president, David Williams, reported Taylor is the only evangelical seminary in North Central Alberta.
7. Heritage Commission: Director Dr. Jackie Howell is asking churches to send in church anniversary books and other material of historical value for future references.
8. Dan Hamil, Interim Executive Director, stated in his Keynote address we are not who we used to be ethnically, culturally and institutionally. He is calling all our regions and churches to a season of prayer as we continue our organizational review. Dan will continue to oversee the ministry of advancement at the NAB office with some part-time help. Significant plans are coming together for the July 1-5, 2015 Triennial Conference, in Sacramento at the Sacramento Convention Center and the Hyatt Regency Hotel. He encouraged many pastors and individuals from our churches to attend this very important conference.
9. Vice President of outreach ministry, Norm Poelke reported we are currently seeking to fill several international missionary positions.
10. Vice President of missional initiatives, Cam Roxburgh reported "the everyday church project" was a big success with 100 churches registered to participate. Cam (Forge Canada) is currently contracted 2 days a week to the NAB.
11. Vice President of Ministry Support, Chief Financial officer Tony Dunaway, reported conference finances are healthy. The emergency operating reserve balance is currently \$926,000 in excess of three months requirement of \$760,000. Our investments and net assets grew at rates of 8.5% and 5%.

The budget for 2014 is \$5,188,026 down \$302,934 from last 2013. Tony resigned as of August 2014. The search is on for his replacement.

12. The remaining time on Friday and Saturday morning was spent on two priorities: #1 Formulating and accepting a NAB Canadian Constitution. #2 Organizational task force review, discussions, and recommendations. The Organizational Task force proposals were:

- a) Clarify the role of the Executive Director
- b) Clarify the role and responsibilities of the Executive Committee
- c) Regional Minister role and influence must be clarified
- d) Redefine the role of the General Council
- e) Clarify alignment of cooperating organizations
- f) Conference Associations/Regions relationships

Suggestions for next step:

- a) Strike a new task force (done)
- b) implement behavioral proposal immediately
- c) Begin work on structure summer of 2014
- d) Present proposal for optimal organizational structure May 2015
- e) Determine how this will be implemented May 2015
- f) Present proposed organizational structure at next triennial 2015
- g) Proceed with proposed structure for a 3-year trial
- h) Revise constitution, etc.

An extensive questionnaire was taken at the end of the meeting by the council to guide the organizational committee for the coming year.

Submitted by Harry Pohl – MBA General Council Representative

NAB Conference Executive Director

Greetings and Transitions

I bring you greetings from the North American Baptist Conference and the International Office in Roseville, California, and bless you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.



The North American Baptist Conference has embarked on a season of search for a new Executive Director. Following the resignation of Dr. Rob McClelland as its Executive Director/CEO effective February 15, 2014, the Executive Committee, under the authority of the General Council, was tasked with seating an official NAB Search Committee and providing this committee with the necessary tools for discerning God's will as it recruits and interviews candidates for this significant leadership position. The Executive Committee anticipates that the search committee will start their process in earnest in September. Please pray for this search committee as they fulfill their important responsibility for our conference of churches.

During the interim period, I continue to direct the conference as the interim Executive Director. Bob Fast, the Moderator of the North American Baptist Conference, recently wrote, "As a General Council and Executive Committee, we are both pleased and encouraged by Dr. Hamil's active leadership in effectively moving the Conference forward in a seamless manner during this season of transition."

After ten years of service at the NAB International Office, Tony Dunaway is leaving his role as Chief Financial Officer effective August 31, 2014, to serve in international work with orphans.

Tony has worked diligently to guard the management effectiveness and integrity of NAB as it has moved into a healthier financial position over the years. As a search is in place for a CFO replacement, there continues to be complete financial control at the NAB office as Betty Buchholz continues to serve as the Controller.

Organizational Review

Over the past years, leadership of the conference has reported on the ongoing process to resolve longstanding confusion regarding relational and structural alignment issues, especially between Regional Ministers and the International Office. In May, a Task Force on Organizational Review reported on an agreed upon document that lists how the major leadership groups will seek behavioral alignment over the next year. This task force was then empowered to work on more specific structural and organizational issues that must be addressed by the General Council in May 2015.

Triennial

NAB leaders, pastors, and people will gather in Sacramento, California, to celebrate the next Triennial Conference on July 1-5, 2015. Hosted at the Sacramento Convention Center and the Hyatt Regency Sacramento, attendees will experience inspirational teaching, corporate worship, and warm fellowship. Speakers include Dr. Reggie McNeal, Dr. Mark Buchanan, and Pastor Dave Johnson.

Future Travelers

Renewing the ministry of a given church often starts with renewing that community of believers' theological vision of God, helping them see God at work in the neighborhoods and people around them. Cam Roxburgh is leading just over ten NAB churches through a training process to learn to join God on mission and engage people around them with the reality of the kingdom of God. This training, called "Future Travelers," will be part of a catalytic movement to help NAB churches see themselves as sent by God into their communities with the good news. For more information, contact Cam Roxburgh at croxburgh@nabconf.org.

Missionary Transitions

NAB is grateful for the faithful service of our missionaries. As a conference of churches, we believe God is at work around the world, transforming people and communities for his glory. We know that God uses dedicated people to spread his gospel and his grace. This year, three defined-term NAB missionaries have returned home from service, and seven continued-term missionaries have returned home.



Please pray for men and women who would commit their lives to serve others through NAB ministries around the world. Please contact Norm Poehlke at npoehlke@nabconf.org if you know of those in your sphere of influence with whom God may be leading into international missionary service with NAB.

As we move forward together as an NAB family, please let us know how we can serve you even better. Please reach out to me at dhamil@nabconf.org

In His overwhelming grace and peace,

Submitted by Dan Hamil – Executive Director (Interim)

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TAYLOR
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a message from the president

This summer my family celebrated our 10th anniversary of coming to Canada. Our time here has been an amazing journey with the Lord, and has involved being called to do things that I never even considered when I took the position of Academic Vice President here at Taylor. Ten years has brought a lot of change personally and professionally, but throughout that time I have always been convinced that no matter how rocky the road, God was both guiding my steps and walking that path with me.

Next year, 2015, Taylor celebrates 75 years since the founding of this ministry by Rev. E. P. Wahl. During those years the world and the church has changed dramatically. We have seen war and peace, tumult and stability, prosperity and poverty. Yet, despite what was happening we were granted the privilege of coming alongside what God was doing and joining his work. For 75 years God has used Taylor to accomplish mighty things for the kingdom. Of course, Taylor is just one expression by the people of the North American Baptist Conference of faithful commitment to the importance of theological education in service of the church. You have been our partner in this ministry since before we began in 1940.



God continues to work powerfully through the ministry of Taylor. As you can see from this update there are so many things to rejoice over and to celebrate. We graduated one of our largest seminary classes ever this past May; we have added two new seminary faculty members and are currently looking for a new Academic Dean. God is continuing to bless the work of the E P Wahl Centre as we serve the continuing education needs of pastors, church administrators, and laypeople alike. The ministry of White Cross Canada continues to provide necessary medical and humanitarian aid for God's work in West Africa. The work of the Wahl Centre is expanding such that we are also looking for a new Director to fill that role.



Things are good. God is working powerfully. Taylor is growing stronger every day. Yet, there is much to be done. We covet your continued prayers and support. We appreciate your partnership in ministry with us. We also invite you to join us at the 2015 Triennial meetings in Sacramento, CA as together we celebrate what God has been doing at Taylor for 75 years!

Shalom

Dr. David Williams, President

Wahl Centre Events

The EP Wahl Centre exists to provide theological education to members of our churches, and continuing education for those in ministry.

Upcoming Events include:

- September 30th, 7:00pm: Pastoral Care Workshop on Caring for those with Alzheimer's Disease – at Taylor Seminary
- October 22, - 8:45-4:30: Church Administrative Professionals Symposium – at Terwillegar Community Church with keynote speaker Carolyn Arends.
- October 24-25: onWORD Conference at Greenfield Baptist Church. Topic: The Bible Tells Me So: Faithfully Reading the Stories of Scripture with Dr. Peter Enns.
- Nov 7 & 8 #JusticeYEG at Beulah Alliance Church. A Local Conversation with Danielle Stricland and Terry LeBlanc.

White Cross

White Cross is a Christian humanitarian organization that provides medical supplies and relief goods to hospitals, health centres and rest houses in West Africa, with a primary focus on Cameroon and Nigeria.

At the invitation of the Cameroon Baptist Convention, White Cross Canada sent two people to Cameroon May 17th – June 2nd 2014 to meet with their counterparts in Africa. Dr. Keir Hammer, the director of White Cross (Canada) and Tim Willson from Taylor College and Seminary were joined by JJ Williams of White Cross (USA) for extensive meetings with the officials at the many hospitals and health clinics that receive support from White Cross.



**The White Cross group at
Calvary Baptist in Killaloe, ON**

If you would like to receive W.C. updates please email WhiteCross@Taylor-edu.ca or call toll free at 1-800-567-4988.

How YOU can be involved...

Pray

- Thanksgiving for all God is doing and all He still wants to do!
- Praise for the two new faculty, Dr. Joyce Bellous and Dr. Len Thompson. Their work will help towards expanding our course offerings to students.
- The Lord of the harvest will send students who desire to invest in training for the work that God is calling them to.
- The search for an Academic Dean & Director of the Wahl Centre that will prepare the way for further growth and expansion.

Connect

- See our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TaylorUpdates> for current updates and pictures of the latest happenings.
- See our website at www.taylor-edu.ca for in-depth information.

Refer a Student

Do you know of someone trying to discern God's plan for his or her life? Maybe that person is you? If so, encourage them to take a course at Taylor online or on campus. Partnering together



as we fan the flame of God's work in the lives of those He is raising up is so important!

Arrange an Alumni Gathering – Update & Celebrate!

Wondering how some of your old friends from CTI | NABC | NABDS | Taylor Seminary are doing? Would you like to hear what God is doing in building his Kingdom through Taylor? Let us know and we will work with you to organize an event that gathers everyone together for a time of fellowship and celebration. Email Becky Hilbich at becky.hilbich@taylor-edu.ca or call 1-800-567-4988.

Take a Course

Consider taking an online course for winter semester. Please Contact Admissions Counsellor Rick Heavenor at rick.heavenor@taylor-edu.ca

Church Visits

Administration and faculty are available to visit with you and your congregation, preach, or bring news on behalf of the seminary. To arrange a visit, please call 1-800-567-4988 or email Becky Hilbich at becky.hilbich@taylor-edu.ca



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What Students Are Saying...

“Great group of diverse professors to walk with you as you work out the tenets of your beliefs, the staff is extremely helpful and friendly and work with you to help make it all happen financially and administratively. Students are genuinely cared for here.”

– Kathy Brown

“Excellent seminary in North America, evangelical & strong in Bible teachings!”

– Alfred Yau

News

New Scholarship Established

As noted in the spring edition of The Bridge, Taylor is pleased to announce the establishment of a new endowed scholarship fund. Fred Pape has established the Madeline Buckles Pape Endowment in memory of his wife, which will provide scholarships to students of Taylor Seminary, the Wahl Centre and the Conservatory of Music at Taylor. The impact of this gift encourages students to pursue God's call in their life and in turn minister and reach others for the cause of Christ.

If you would like to learn more about leaving a legacy at Taylor through estate planning, email Dr. David Williams at david.williams@taylor-edu.ca

We covet your prayers, support and encouragement. We want to know how we can serve you better and come alongside to partner in what God is doing in your congregations and communities. Call or write anytime. Watch for the next issue of The Bridge coming out soon!

God continues to use Taylor Seminary and E P Wahl Centre to further his Kingdom purposes in the unique location he has placed it, reaching those who do not know him, by training individuals to minister in many capacities within our culture. Join With Us!

Sioux Falls Seminary



A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT GREG HENSON

As I begin my service at Sioux Falls Seminary, I am reminded of Ephesians 3:20-21: **“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.”** It is a passage that God has laid on my heart and one that has challenged me in great ways.

Becoming the twelfth president of Sioux Falls Seminary has been the most humbling, exciting, and unexpected journey in our family's story. It's a surprise that has inspired our imaginations and resonates with Ephesians 3:20-21. To me, the work of a seminary is an integral part of the Church and God's work in this world. I have a passion for the Church and an unquenchable desire to serve God in the name of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit. My role at Sioux Falls Seminary is a calling, and I am excited to be here.

Sioux Falls Seminary is in a unique position to serve and equip kingdom-minded leaders. We have gifted faculty and staff members who are passionate about the work of the Church, the need for spiritually-formed leaders, and the role of academic study. Our students have remarkable stories, a heart for God, and a passion to be Jesus's hands and feet in the world. Through prayer and financial support, many people have generously supported the work God is doing through Sioux Falls Seminary, and I have been blessed by the stories of sacrifice and generosity I have already heard!

God is writing an amazing story for Sioux Falls Seminary; one that we could never imagine or write for ourselves. I believe God has a great future in store for us as we join in the work he is doing in this world!

It is important to emphasize the word “us.” God is calling all of us to join him in this great story. I urge you to consider how you might participate in God's work by praying for the seminary, providing financial support, attending courses, referring students, or any other way you feel God's leading. The future is brighter than any of us can imagine. You are an integral part. Over the next few months, we will provide a number of specific ways for you to participate in the mission of this seminary. God is at work in amazing ways. It will be great to have you on the journey!



video: sfseminary.edu/joinus

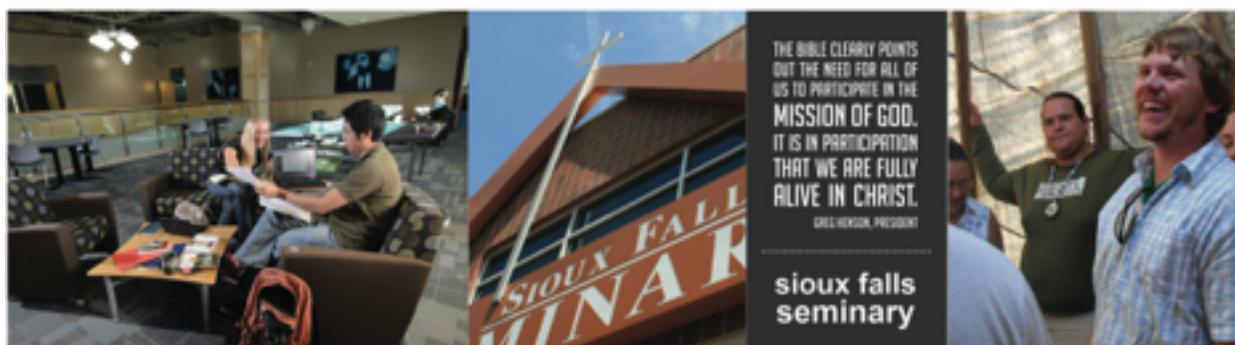
News and Events

The latest news and event listings are always online at sfseminary.edu. To receive eNews updates from SFS through e-mail, sign up at www.sfseminary.edu/signup.



Join us in Mission

- By praying for the exciting work God is doing in and through Sioux Falls Seminary.
- By supporting us as we develop kingdom-minded leaders who engage the mission of Jesus Christ.
- By joining us in the classroom. We offer five master's programs (divinity, Christian leadership, counseling, marriage and family therapy, and Bible and theology), a Doctor of Ministry, and many graduate and non-graduate certificate offerings.
- by encouraging the individuals that God is calling to serve his kingdom to consider seminary.
- By joining us as we follow God into mission. You'r an integral part. It will be great to have you join us.



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refer a student

Do you know of someone who God has gifted for ministry? Let SFS know. We'd love to help them discern the call.

church visits

President Henson, the Leadership Foundation, and faculty are available to visit with you and your congregation, to preach or to bring greetings and news on behalf of the seminary. If you would like to arrange a visit to your church, please call 800.44.6227 or email rtschetter@sfseminary.edu.

discipleship growth

Sioux Falls Seminary desires to engage disciples throughout their journeys and recognizes that seminary can be a vital part of individual discipleship. There are a variety of ways for people to grow spiritually, academically, and practically—all of which can be engaged in various forms beyond the traditional degree program. Visit sfseminary.edu/lifelonglearning to learn more.

MBA Church Hosting History

Session	Church	Year	Moderator	Delegates
80	Emmanuel • Morris	1992	Bryan Hochhalter	
81	Temple • Swan River	1993	Doug Legal	
82	Southdale Community • Wpg.	1994	Doug Legal	103
83	Fort Richmond • Winnipeg	1995	Doug Legal	103
84	Rowandale • Winnipeg	1996	Doug Legal	112
85	Oakbank • Oakbank	1997	Doug Legal	102
86	First Baptist • Minitonas	1998	Doug Legal	86
87	Mission • Winnipeg	1999	Doug Legal	100
88	McDermot Ave. • Wpg.	2000	Doug Legal	106
89	Temple • Swan River	2001	Preston Hartwig	85
90	Whyte Ridge • Winnipeg	2002	Preston Hartwig	102
91	Elim • Beausejour	2003	Preston Hartwig	88
92	Grace • Ochre River	2004	Preston Hartwig	78
93	New Life Ministries • Wpg.	2005	Mark Woods	94
94	First Baptist • Minitonas	2006	Mark Woods	81
95	Fort Richmond • Winnipeg	2007	Mark Woods	94
96	Oakbank • Oakbank	2008	Mark Woods	94
97	Emmanuel • Morris	2009	Barry Thiessen	80
98	Rowandale • Winnipeg	2010	Barry Thiessen	77
99	McDermot Ave. • Wpg.	2011	Barry Thiessen	86
100	Temple • Swan River	2012	Barry Thiessen	62
101	Whyte Ridge • Winnipeg	2013	Barry Thiessen	72
102	Mission Baptist • Winnipeg	2014	Barry Thiessen	