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2015 Business Meeting Agenda

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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	5	1	
Oakbank, Oakbank	5	1	
Grace, Ochre River	6	1	
Whiteshell, Seven Sisters	5	1	
Temple, Swan River	7	2	
Whitemouth, Whitemouth	3	1	
Abundant Life	5	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	7	4	
Meadowood Manor	0	1	
Meadowood Foundation	1	0	
Camp Nutimik	1	0	
Wellman Lake Camp	1	0	
Regional Minister	0	1	
Guests	0	0	
Executive	6	0	
TOTAL	93	28	0

Appointment of Special Committees

Balloting Committee	Scrutineer's Committee	Resolution of Thanks

Minutes of 2014 AGM

2:20 pm Saturday

Call to Order • 102nd Session

October 18, 2014, Mission Baptist Church, Barry Thiessen called the meeting to order with prayer.

Seating of Delegates

A total of 68 delegates were seated for the 2014 Annual General Meeting.

MSC to accept the delegates as presented.

Special Committees

- Ballot Committee: Not needed for 2014 meeting.
- Scrutineers: Allan Unger, Brian Russell
- Resolution of Thanks: Terry Janke

MSC to appoint the committees.

Minutes of 2013 Meeting

Summary of 2013 meeting minutes were presented by way of the Annual Report Booklet.

MSC to accept the 2013 minutes.

Elections for 2015/2016

The nominees for 2015/16 were presented.

- ***Moderator – Barry Thiessen 2015/16***
- ***Vice Moderator – 2015***
- Recording Secretary – Dave Henkelman 2014/15
- ***Treasurer – Al Donald 2016/15***
- Church Planting – Sig Seidel 2014/15
- General Council Rep – Harry Pohl 2014-2016
- MBWM Rep. – Daphne Keck 2014/15 (Appointed by MBWM)

MSC to accept the nominations by acclamation.

Financial Report

Treasurer Allan Donald was unable to attend the 2014 AGM.

Dave Henkelman drew the delegates attention to the 2013 Financial Report. There was a surplus of \$14,376 in 2013. Thanks expressed for the faithful giving of the MBA churches.

Suggestion was made to ask Pathway Camp Ministries to submit a ministry report for the MBA Annual Report next year.

MSC to approve the financial report as presented.

2015 Budget Presentation

2014 budget was presented.

Note was made of the decrease in budgeted expenses for Women's Ministries. In 2015 and onward, only money that needs to be receipted by the MBA will be reflected in the MBA's books.

Note was made of the addition of Pathway Camp Ministries into the budget for the first time. These funds are equivalent to Pathway Camp's cost in running a week long ministry in a northern reserve. These funds will be available to personnel from MBA churches serving on a northern reserve with Pathway Camp Ministries.

MSC to approve the 2015 budget as presented.

Reports

Regional Minister – Phyl Putz

Moderator Barry Thiessen noted this is Phyl Putz's last report to the MBA. He is transitioning from the Regional Minister role at the end of May 2015.

- Expressed appreciation for acceptance into the MBA 11&1/2 years ago and over the years of ministry.
- Expressed love for the churches and pastors in the MBA.
- 8 formal consultations with churches. 2 with churches undergoing great turmoil and yet these churches have been able to move forward.
- 2014 - 2 new pastors: Steven & Mary Ann Black, First Baptist Church, Minitonas, and Jay & Dallas Lafontaine, Whiteshell Baptist Church, Seven Sisters. Ken & Jeanne Dueck, interim at Emmanuel Baptist Church, Morris.
- Churches seeking pastors:
MBA: Moosehorn and Beausejour.
NCA: Plevna, MT & Harvey, ND.
- Hope that before May 31, 2015 we will see a witness re-established where Central Baptist Church was located.
- Transitioning (not really retiring) into another ministry as God reveals it to them.
- Thank you for your encouragement in ministry.

Note: There will be an official farewell for Phyl & Jo Putz in April or May 2015.

Other Reports

David Holland announced the Meadowood Chaplaincy Support Concert, October 25, 2014 at Waverley Church. Approximately 120 people meet on Sunday morning at Meadowood.

Note: Reports were distributed in advance through the Annual Report Booklet.

MSC to accept the reports of all organizations & ministries.***Other Business******Central Baptist***

Central has been renting their building out to two other church groups. As a result their finances are quite good. Taking care of the building is not an issue, the funds are there.

The remaining people at Central Baptist Church will be joining with Mission Bap6st. There will be a recognition of God's faithfulness over the years and a closing of ministry on October 19. October 26, Central People will be officially welcomed at Mission Baptist.

The hope/goal is to start another ministry in this location of the city.

The money they have in their church bank account will be used for ministry down the road when a church plant/new church starts.

Please pray for a church planter for the new work.

Church Planting Fund

Question: Where is the Church Planting Fund reflected in the Annual report and how much does it currently hold?

Answer: Page 16. Amount \$183,257 end of 2013.

Regional Leadership Team

The Regional Leadership Team will be meeting with a candidate for Regional Minister in Fargo, ND, on Sunday, October 26.

The goal is to have the new Regional Minister overlap with Phyl Putz's ministry to help ensure a smooth transition.

There is a reserve in the Regional Minister fund to help cover the costs associated with the transition.

Resolution of Thanks

Thanks expressed to the host church – Mission Baptist Church and their people, speakers from Forge Canada: Cam Roxburgh & Scott Hagley, Phyl & Jo Putz and their role in our Association.

MSC to accept the resolution of thanks.***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***

2015 Association Conference and Annual General Meeting – October 16-17, 2015.

Location yet to be determined.

Closing prayer

Phyl Putz led us in a closing pastoral prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 pm.

Submitted by: Dave Henkelman, MBA Recording Secretary

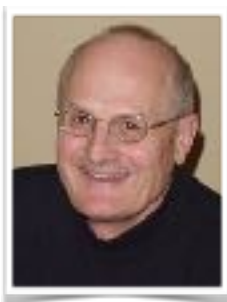
Editor's Note: Due to unforeseen circumstances, this Annual Report was put together at the last minute. As a result, you can expect mistakes, errors, and possibly omissions in this document. Your grace and forgiveness is requested as you read this document.



Phyl Putz's 2014-15 Semi-Annual Report

Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. — John 4:35

Today, I waited patiently behind a family at Sam's Club as they compared butter prices. Finally, I asked if I could help them, to which they replied, "No, thank you," and then I asked where they were from. The younger man replied, "from Bhutan." I asked if they were Nepalese. Their eyes lit up as they answered in the affirmative. Although they have been in Fargo for three years, I welcomed them and told them that I have met others from their country. It wasn't much of an encounter, so I prayed as we parted that my brief friendship gesture might be used by the Holy Spirit to create a small dimple in their Hindu wall.



Our part of the world is rapidly moving toward a multi-cultural mix for which most Midwestern American Christians are unprepared. In this, urban Canadian Christians are a bit ahead. However, a scan of our Sunday morning congregations will, with a few exceptions, find those who are mostly white and middle class. For the 200 years of the modern missionary movement, churches have been sending missionaries around the world. Now, the world is coming to us and most of us don't know what to do with it. During my ministry years and intensifying in the past twelve, my heart has ached when I have seen an apparent lack of willingness to adjust, yes, even drastically change, our lifestyles and ministries to reflect the missionary heart of God.

Manitoba is full of immigrants. The North Central Association is experiencing an inflow of people from all over the country and from around the world. We continue to experience unprecedented wealth, and when oil or commodity prices drop, there's too much or not enough rain or jobs become scarce; we pray that God will reverse the trend. But let us not reflect the James' perspective, "*When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.*" (James 4:3)

I am so glad that we are being given an opportunity to rethink our attitudes and our ways. Beginning with my 2008 Rural Ministry Revitalization Study, bolstered by Church Enrichment including the Natural Church Development process and ignited by contributions by the leadership of Cam Roxburgh (NAB VP for Missional Initia-

tives), there is a steady movement toward a more missional mindset. Let's not let it slow or stop! "No reserves. No retreats. No regrets" (William Borden, who died while training in Egypt to become a missionary to the Muslims in China.)

Since our association meetings in October 2014 through the end of May, this year, I have continued to serve the Northern Plains Region through enrichment events, pastoral placement support, coaching pastors and lay leaders, helping churches consider multiplication, encouraging pastors clusters and helping conflicted churches find peace. When I handed the regional ministry to Dr. Gordon Stork, five churches were seeking pastors, several previously conflicted churches had reached a place of peace, nearly all pastors were involved in a cluster and two churches (Mission Baptist in Winnipeg – internal multiplication; River City Church in Fargo – new congregation projected in February) were planning to multiply. Five pastors from four of our churches have committed to the ETHOS process with Cam Roxburgh and Forge. Concluding coaching relationships was hard but good, knowing that those men will be well cared for by my brother, Gordon Stork. I have started in a part time ministry position with River City Church and am gearing up with two other men to launch a mediation work this fall.



During April and May, I worked in tandem with Gordon, orienting him to this ministry and taking him to visit all the clusters, meeting with both association executive committees and the Northern Plains Regional Leadership team. Our time together was rich and fulfilling. I fully commend him and his wife, Diane, to you and ask that you fervently pray for them, granting them the kind of grace you have extended to us.

We conclude this chapter of our lives grateful to God for His blessings and to you for your wonderful acceptance and support. Jo, too, treasures the friendships that came with this work. Thank you for accepting and loving her well. Special thanks to the NCA and MBA Executives and to the Regional Leadership Team for your wonderful support and partnership. Your generosity to us has been so great; more than we could ever have imagined. Expressions of appreciation at the end of our ministry have been humbly appreciated. Thank you so much for the Manitoba farewell dessert and gifts at Whyte Ridge Baptist and the generous love gift from the NCA

churches. Your many words of appreciation coupled with our memories of walking with you through both good and difficult circumstances will never fade. We are most encouraged with the knowledge that lost people have been introduced to the Gospel. Many have become disciples of Jesus Christ and we'll see them in heaven!

So, it's been:

After countless meetings, coaching sessions, mentoring moments, workshops, teachings, fellowship times, I take leave of the regional ministry satisfied that God has helped me all the way.

12 years

144 months

4,380 days

105,120 hours

(An adequate portion of them sleeping, of course)

198,803 miles without one incident

(Not sleeping)

51 lead or solo pastors placed

(Not counting associate staff)

After countless meetings, coaching sessions, mentoring moments, workshops, teachings, fellowship times, I take leave of the regional

ministry satisfied that God has helped me all the way. Have I done my best? I regret the mistakes, times when my attitude was not what it should have been, when my zeal lagged, but rest in God's forgiveness and yours. Like all of life, if I could only do it over again, I think I could do better. I suppose that is true of us all. But I'm so glad that our success rests not in our perfection, but in the love, power, grace and providence of God.

And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. — Acts 20:32

Submitted by Phyl Putz — NPR Regional Minister (2003 – 2015)

Regional Minister's Report

I count it pure joy to be called of God to be your Regional Minister and serve together with you. As I get to know you and God's call and work in and through you, I feel knit to you and rejoice in the privilege of partnering with you in ministry.

You have read the heartfelt and thorough report from Pastor Phyl Putz. I have a deep appreciation and respect for Phyl and Jo's faithful service. Within Phyl's report you see the diverse myriad of roles and responsibilities within the ministry of your regional minister. We have seen meaningful ministry development in our region as a result of the Putz's ministry and I look forward to seeing God continue His faithful ministry as He will lead us in the future.



New pastors entering a ministry setting are advised to take a significant time to get to know their flock and its ministry story. I will be following a similar pattern as I begin serving our region. I have set as a priority to connect with the lead leaders of our congregations to hear their personal faith story as well as hear the story of their flocks. In addition to my personal experiences and training, I have been blest to have transitioned to this ministry with significant time with Phyl Putz, orientation with our NAB primary leadership and engaged in further ministry equipping in the areas of mediation and coaching to name a few. My prayer and commitment is to steward this ministry opportunity to the best of my ability, ultimately looking to divine direction and empowerment for our ministry priorities. Within my daily tasks I set as a priority to pray for our region and its leaders and also set a day monthly for silence and solitude where I spend time with the Father which includes intercession for you. God is at work ... true to His character.



Within our region we are sensing a significant movement of God calling His people to:

- ... to reach the lost in a very confused and changing world
- ... a renewed desire to prioritize ministry multiplication through church planting
- ... to be healthy bodies of Christ

Jackie Loewer, NAB treasurer and a personal friend of mine, shared a quote at Triennial, "It is always important to know that your windshield is larger than your rearview mirror." We have learned a great deal from the events of the past but we are being called to tremendous opportunities before us! Opportunities to join together to ... worship, pray, serve and in summary and inclusively stated, live missionally!

Let me conclude with one of my life verses from Philippians 3:13-14. His Word is real, active, powerful and so relevant:

Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Let's press on for His glory!

Submitted by Gordon Stork – NPR Regional Minister

Regional Leadership Team

2014/15 was a busy year for the The Regional Leadership Team (RLT). In addition to being the support and accountability vehicle for our Regional Minister (RM), the team in 2014/15 was responsible conducting the search for and hiring of a new RM.

Consisting of two representatives from both the MBA & NCA (North Central Association), the team meets five to six times per year. 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 were several additional face to face meetings to facilitate the transition to a new RM.



The pastor search committee decided to add a little drama to the process.

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After an extensive search, vetting process and prayer, Dr. Gordon Stork, former Lead Pastor of Century Baptist Church in Bismarck, ND was hired as the Northern Plains Region's (NPR) next RM. Gordon began his ministry on April 1, 2015. Due to a surplus in the RM's support account, Gordon was able to work along side Phyl for the first two months in his new position. They visited churches and clusters of pastors together to

introduce Gordon and help him gain a better understanding of the region.

The RLT would like to express their sincere thanks to Phyl Putz for his 12 years of faithful and effective service and leadership in the NPR. Both he and his wife Jo will be missed. Phyl has accepted a part time position of mentoring with River City Church in Fargo, ND.

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.

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



As I write this report I am sitting in the kitchen of my wife's family cottage in beautiful Nova Scotia. You can hear the ripple of River Philip as it works its way over its gravel bottom just a few feet from the front door of the cottage. At this point the river is just what most would call a creek.

Each spring, as the snow melts, the little river becomes a raging torrent. When the expanded river and the tides from the Northumberland Straits meet just thirty kilometres north of the cottage, the town is flooded. Regionally the Town of

Oxford has become known for its regular floods as well as the blue berry capital of Canada.

My mind takes me to another time and place when a small trickle became a torrent that flooded the land. A small handful of Christ's disciples entered into the lives and homes of the folks around them and in a matter of years Christianity became the dominant faith of the then known world. How blessed the world would be if once again a group of disciples entered into the lives and homes of the folks around them and a similar result happened. I believe this can happen, Let me take the next few minutes of your time to challenge you to the task.

On the basis of the questions I have been asked and my personal observation as I visited the churches of the MBA, I have noticed that we have failed to understand the concept of being missional at its core or we are unwilling to make the changes necessary to truly become missional in our communities. There are many good things which we have done which we have confused with being missional: handing out some special treats at some time during



the year; holding special services where we invite the neighbours; churches of different denominations joining together to do DVBS. These, and other such programs may have had success but all miss the core of being missional. Relationship is at the core of being missional. Relationship where the men, woman, youth and children of our MBA churches get involved in the lives of the people around our home and churches, not by inviting them to something centered around the people of the church or the church building, but by moving in their direction and doing so in their

homes and in the friendship groups they have created and maintain.

We all understand this by theory. It is the practical we struggle with so much. If leadership decided to cancel services some Sunday so that church families could go picnic with neighbours and friends from outside the church family, they run the risk of being mis-understood. Some, may I say many, would feel that they had let God down and had failed to maintain "church" as we have come to know it. Why is it acceptable to take another family from the church to the cottage and miss Sunday services but not acceptable to miss services if taking a family from outside the church?



By now you will have begun to think that to become truly missional you will have been pushed out of your comfort zone. You will further understand that relationships outside of the church are just as important as those inside of the church, you will understand that you are taking the risk of losing some who may not be willing to change; and you will understand that your church will be different than you have ever known it. I have not even said anything about the issues of justice, widows and fatherless that Isaiah spoke about in the first chapter of that Book. I cannot begin to answer how this may look in individual church

situations but I challenge you and your congregation to seriously think through the issues that hold you from endorsing being truly missional, and then taking the steps to become so. We have asked our Conference speaker to focus on the practical ways individuals and churches may implement this at the congregational level.

I started by speaking of a flood in Oxford, NS. Let me speak of another flood. Each year the Nile River would flood the upper reaches and delta of the River. This created personal hardship to the people living along the Nile and so the Government of Egypt built the Assam Dam. It controlled the River and the floods ceased. Life became more comfortable but there was an unexpected downside. No longer did the floods bring the rich nutrients that the farmers needed to grow crops. In just a few short years the lush fields returned to desert. The lack of

...we need to give control to the Holy Spirit and allow him to use us to flood this land once again even if it means personal discomfort and risk.

control was the very blessing needed so badly. Could it be the same in our churches? Perhaps we need to give control to the Holy Spirit and allow him to use us to flood this land once again even if it means personal discomfort and risk.

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

As I look at the amount of change on the executive level in the past year I, am amazed at how smoothly things have progressed. We have had a number of changes on this level. Garry Harland, our treasurer for many years left us and his position was filled by the capable leadership of Al Donald. Most of you will have known Al from his leadership roles on behalf of Meadowood. We thank Garry for his faithful and efficient service for so many years.

This year the executive has rewritten the Constitution of the MBA. It is now called the Bylaws as the guiding principles of any incorporated entity. This was necessitated by how folks view leadership today. We have been able to streamline the document and remove some of the wordy paragraphs so that it is more understandable and more clearly focuses on the reason we exist. A vote will be taken at the AGM portion of our Conference to accept or deny these changes.

We have also said goodbye to a much loved Regional Minister in Phyl Putz and welcomed Gordon Stork as our new Regional Minister. God blessed us with sufficient funds to allow them to work together for two months during the transitions phase. This was a great blessing as Phyl was able to help Gordon move into the position gracefully and with the information needed to begin to fulfill his role well from the very beginning.

While you will hear much more of this at Conference, we have been able to work out an agreement with Mission Baptist Church in starting a new work called West End Alive. This church plant focusing on the families of the West End and has already begun to give encouragement to our group of churches.

In the big picture I feel we are moving in the right direction. My prayer is that momentum will increase and the blessing of God will become a flood in our churches and communities.

Submitted by Dr. Barry Thiessen – MBA Moderator

Financial Report

We budgeted a loss for the year ended December 31, 2014 but instead realized a gain amounting to \$14,411.00 thanks for the most part to not expending all budgeted monies and the continued support of our member churches. We budgeted for Church contributions amounting to \$75,000 and received a total of \$74,997.00. A schedule of contributions by Churches with comparative contributions for 2014 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 CIF investments continue to add strength to the Church Plant Fund established in 2004. Fund balance at year end amounted to \$187,345.00

Women's Ministries income amounted to \$28,750.00 compared to expenses of \$25,331.00. Our Women's Ministries is self-sustaining – not dependent on Association support.

Our operating expenses for the year were lower than anticipated at the outset. Excluding operating expenses for Women's Ministries our anticipated spending would amount to \$87,880.00 but related expenses amounted to only \$76,443.00



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

Expense Category	2014 Budget	2014 Actual
Donations – Other	700.00	0.00
Annual Conference (Program Committee)	4,000.00	2,313.00
Executive and General Council meetings	4,500.00	4,128.00
Office and general expense	8,500.00	4,637.00
Pastoral Support	3,000.00	2,871.92
Church Planting Activities	2,000.00	0.00
Youth Ministries – MBYM (anticipated shortfall)	3,500.00	0.00
Expended for Designated Ministries	1,000.00	1,054.30

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 (1,054.30).

Year to Date 2015

No unusual financial activity to report for the first eight months of the current year. Expenses exceed income by an amount of \$18,423. Contributions from supporting Churches to date total \$39,966 (annual budget \$77,989) 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 \$187,345.01

General

The financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2014 were prepared on a review engagement basis. Our Constitution provides that audited financial statements are required at least once every five years (in the past a review was done annually by an internal review committee) What most of us call an audit, is really a review engagement. The type of operation we are is really not a candidate for what the accounting profession calls a "Full Audit." The financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2014 are expressed as an opinion by a Chartered Account and are not a "Full Audit".

Balance Sheet on December 31, 2014

	2014	2013
ASSETS		
Cash	60,008	51,496
Short Term Investments	125,525	125,000
Long Term Investments	187,345	181,771
Total Assets	372,878	358,267
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	2,383	2,383
Total Liabilities	2,383	2,383
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted Net Assets	370,795	355,884
Total Net Assets	373,178	358,267

Statement of Income & Expenses – Year Ended 12/31/14

	2014 Budget	2014 Actual	2013 Actual
INCOME			
Contributions by churches	75,000	74,997	68,790
Women's Ministries – MBWM	27,000	28,750	21,146
Youth Ministries – MBYM	500	0	10
Annual General Meeting	–	3,177	5,112
Pastor's Wives Retreat	0	2,030	0
Offerings for General Purposes	100	0	0
Interest & Miscellaneous	6,500	7,149	8,975
Offerings for Designated Ministries	1,000	582	883
Total Income	110,100	116,685	104,916
EXPENSES			
Regional Minister & Expenses	58,630	60,399	55,308
Donations	750	0	500
Program Com./Annual General Mtg.	4,000	2,313	4,229
Executive & Council Meetings	4,500	4,128	3,130
Office & General Expenses	8,500	5,677	5,981
Pastoral Support	3,000	2,872	802
Church Planting Activities	2,000	0	0
Church Growth	2,000	0	0
Youth Ministries – MBYM	3,500	0	0
Women's Ministries – MBYM	27,000	25,331	20,206
Expended for Designated Ministries	1,000	1,054	883
Total Expenses	114,880	101,774	91,038
Net Income (Expenses)	(4,780)	14,911	13,877

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:	2015	2014
Short term investments are comprised of term deposits bearing interest at 1.0% and maturing in November 2014.	0	125,000

4. Long-term Investments:	2015	2014
Long term investments are comprised of a term deposit and bonds bearing interest at rates ranging from 2.25% to 3.50%.	191,000	181,771

Projected Church Contributions

Based on % of Total Giving/Revenue	2016/2%	2015/2%	2014/2%
Total Giving/Revenue Base	3,881,154	3,899,464	3,549,338
Projected/potential Contributions	77,623	77,989	70,987
Actual Contrib. (2015 figure as of 08/31/15)	–	39,966	74,997
Contributions Over (Short)		(38,023)	4,010

Contributions to the Association by Church

The requested contribution for each church in 2016 is based on 2% of total church budget/giving reported for 2014. Any shortage in giving will be drawn down from MBA surplus funds.

Please consider making your contributions in quarterly installments.

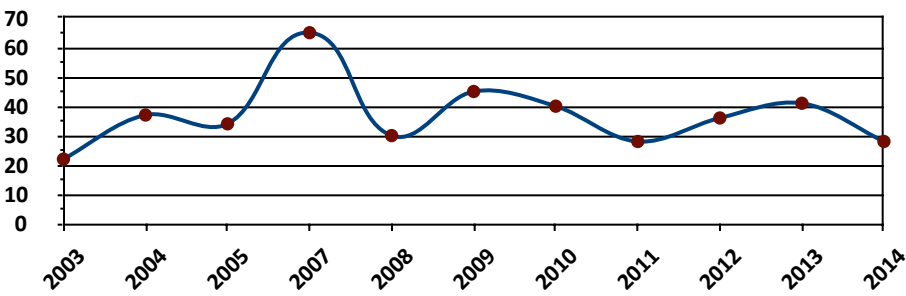
Contributions to the Association by Church (continued)

CHURCH	2014 Revenue	2016 Goal	Given by 8/31/15	2015 Goal	2014 Goal	2014 Actual	2013 Actual
Abundant Life	134,289	2,686	1,000	2,437	2,583	2,000	2,000
Beausejour	81,607	1,632	0	1,382	1,134	1,200	1,200
Central	Ended Ministry October 19, 2014					4,700	–
Fort Richmond	140,070	2,801	3,300	2,774	3,033	4,400	4,400
McDermot #	396,612	7,932	2,350	7,932	9,343	6,903	9,000
Minitonas #	193,000	3,860	2,000	3,860	4,057	4,000	5,000
Mission #	182,437	3,649	2,275	3,649	3,662	4,500	4,575
Moosehorn	86,498	1,730	920	1,840	1,764	1,764	1,745
Morris	232,833	4,657	2,250	5,274	5,015	4,500	4,500
New Life Min.	63,822	1,276	1,296	1,296	1,414	1,265	1,414
Oakbank	259,504	5,190	2,250	5,078	4,371	4,860	4,696
Ochre River	192,338	3,847	0	3,847	3,224	4,000	4,000
Rowandale	470,000	9,400	9,250	9,129	8,875	9,000	9,000
Swan River	219,581	4,392	2,425	4,915	4,853	4,850	4,300
Waverley #	413,138	8,263	2,000	8,263	–	2,160	–
Whitemouth	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Whiteshell	165,425	3,309	2,500	2,352	2,995	2,995	2,260
Whyte Ridge	650,000	13,000	6,150	13,963	13,341	11,900	10,700
TOTAL	3,881,154	77,623	39,966	77,991	69,664	74,997	68,790

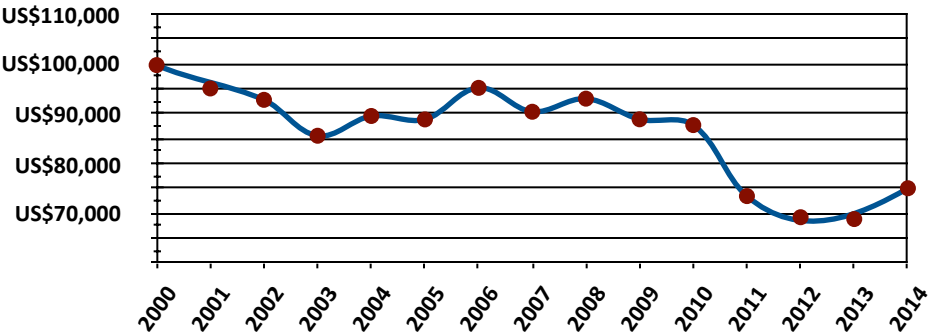
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Submitted by Allan Donald – MBA Treasurer

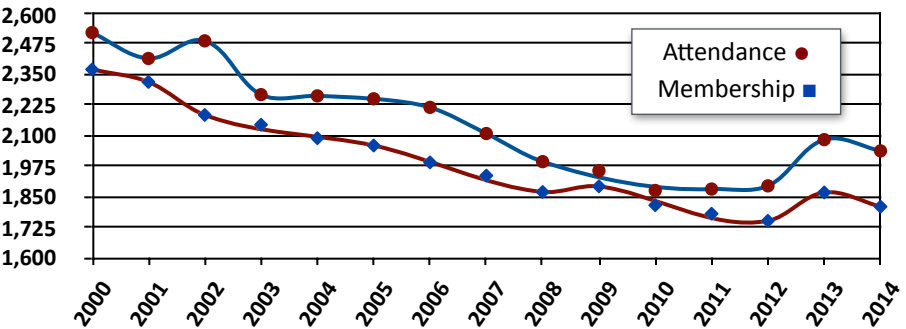
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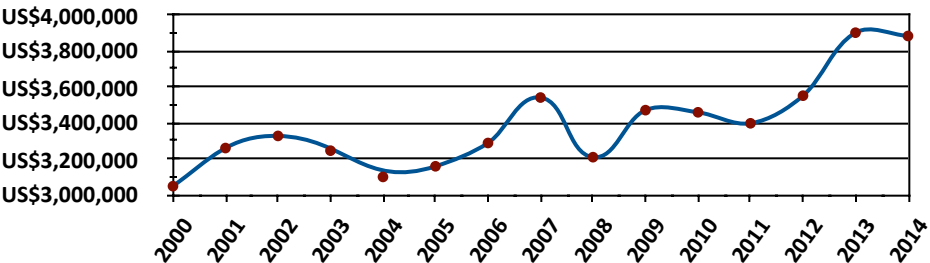
Giving to the MBA 2000 – 2014



Membership & Attendance 2000 – 2014



Total Church Giving 2000 – 2014



2016 Proposed Budget

	2016 Budget	8/31/15 Actual	2015 Budget	2014 Budget	2014 Actual
INCOME					
Church Contributions	77,623	39,966	77,991	75,000	74,997
General Fund Offerings	100	300	100	100	0
Women's Ministries - MBWM	22,000	7,695	7,500	27,000	28,750
Youth Ministries - MBYM	0	0	100	500	0
Church Planting Fund	30,000	0	0	0	0
Designated Offerings	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	582
Ministry Wives Retreat	2,000	0	0	0	2,030
Interest & Miscellaneous	4,800	1,245	6,500	6,500	7,149
Annual Conference	4,000	0	4,000	0	3,177
Total Receipts	141,523	49,207	97,191	110,100	116,686
EXPENDITURES					
Regional Minister	61,272	45,482	59,778	58,630	60,399
Donations (EFC, etc.)	750	0	750	750	0
Annual Conference (Prog. Com.)	4,000	299	4,000	4,000	2,313
Executive/General Council	4,500	4,160	4,500	4,500	4,128
Office & General	8,500	7,441	8,500	8,500	4,637
Pastoral Support	3,000	0	3,000	3,000	2,872
Ministry Wives Retreat	2,000	0	0	0	0
West End Alive	30,000	0	0	0	0
Church Planting Activities	2,000	50	2,000	2,000	0
Church Growth	0	0	0	2,000	0
Youth Ministries – MBYM	0	0	1,000	3,500	0
Women's Ministries – MBWM	22,000	7,696	7,500	27,000	26,371
Pathway Camp Ministry	7,000	2,500	7,000	0	0
Designated Offerings	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	1,054
Total Expenditures	146,022	67,629	99,028	114,880	101,774
Net Income (Expense)	(4,499)	(18,423)	(1,837)	(4,780)	14,911

Proposed Budget Notes

The proposed budget for 2016 is submitted for your consideration and approval. With respect to expenses the budget for 2016 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 (2015) anticipated spending will be compara-

ble with the exception of the West End Alive line item. \$30,000 has been budgeted to cover the cost to cover the new venture being started out of Mission Baptist. (Please see the Church Planting Report - pg. 30. More information will also be presented at our Conference in October.) Any major expenses incurred for planting a church will be covered by the Church Plant Fund (\$187,345.00.)

An increase of \$1,495.00 for Regional Minister expenses is expected. This represents a 2.5% cost of living increase over the 2015 budget.

Recording Secretary's Report

Church Membership/Attendance Statistics 2014

CHURCH	Year Org.	Mem. Dec 13	Mem. Dec 14	Baptisms	13 Avg. Worship	14 Avg. Worship
Beausejour	1958	40	27	0	51	56
Minitonas, 1st #	1928	214	214	0	114	114
Moosehorn	1918	50	44	0	57	50
Morris	1896	122	75	0	106	89
Oakbank	1895	97	97	6	124	110
Ochre River	1927	97	105	0	82	74
Seven Sisters	1906	63	64	0	78	79
Swan River	1947	161	159	1	135	125
Whitemouth	1960	0	0	0	0	0
Winnipeg:						
Abundant Life	1994	66	72	3	82	88
Central	1980	<i>Ended Ministry October 19, 2014</i>				
Forth Richmond	1972	23	35	6	60	70
McDermot #	1889	211	211	2	177	177
Mission #	1949	128	128	0	120	120
New Life Min.	1993	26	26	0	45	45
Rowandale	1953	194	197	2	223	232
Waverley #	1984	158	158	3	258	258
Whyte Ridge	1961	217	197	5	371	350
TOTALS		1,867	1,809	28	2,083	2,037

2013 figures used due to the church not submitting their 2014 data.

Church Financial Statistics 2014

CHURCH	Total 2014	Avg. Per Mem. 14	Avg. Per Att. 14	Total 2013	Avg. Per Mem. 13	Avg. Per Att. 13
Beausejour, Elim	81,607	3,022	1,457	69,104	1,728	1,355
Minitonas, 1st #	193,000	902	1,693	193,000	902	1,693
Moosehorn, Moosehorn	86,498	1,966	1,730	92,004	1,840	1,614
Morris, Emmanuel	232,833	3,104	2,616	263,679	2,161	2,488
Oakbank, Oakbank	259,504	2,675	2,359	253,899	2,618	2,048
Ochre River, Grace	192,338	1,832	2,599	192,338	1,983	2,346
Seven Sisters, Whiteshell	165,425	2,585	2,094	117,575	1,866	1,507
Swan River, Temple	219,581	1,381	1,757	245,730	1,526	1,820
Whitemouth	—	—	—	—	—	—
Winnipeg:						
Abundant Life	134,289	1,865	1,526	121,844	1,846	1,486
Central	Ended Ministry October 19, 2014					
Fort Richmond	140,070	4,002	2,001	138,695	6,030	2,312
McDermot #	396,612	1,880	2,241	396,612	1,880	2,241
Mission #	182,437	1,425	1,520	182,437	1,425	1,520
New Life Ministries	63,822	2,455	1,418	64,803	2,492	1,440
Rowandale	470,000	2,386	2,026	456,457	2,353	1,967
Waverley #	413,138	2,615	1,601	413,138	2,615	1,601
Whyte Ridge	650,000	3,299	1,857	698,151	3,217	1,882
TOTALS	3,881,154	2,337	1,906	3,899,464	2,280	1,832

2013 budget figures used due to the church not submitting their 2014 data.

Nominations

The nominations listed below reflect the positions required by the new By-Laws. The By-Laws will be presented to the delegates for approval during the Business Session on Saturday afternoon, October 17, 2015.

<i>Moderator.....</i>	<i>Barry Thiessen</i>	<i>.....2016/2018</i>
<i>Treasurer.....</i>	<i>Al Donald</i>	<i>.....2016/2017</i>
<i>Secretary.....</i>	<i>Dave Henkelman</i>	<i>.....2016</i>
<i>Member at Large.....</i>		<i>.....2016/2018</i>
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<i>Member at Large.....</i>		<i>.....2016</i>
<i>Women’s Ministry Rep.....</i>	<i>Daphne Keck</i>	<i>.....2016</i>

Women’s Ministries

As women and followers of Christ in our MBA family, we can share a fundamental desire and calling to love others in Jesus name, all the while having a unique story and community through which to share our faith. The partnership opportunities we have locally and globally through our Outreach projects, such as supporting Carol Potratz, while she was a missionary to Japan, allow us to expand our perspective of God’s Kingdom at work. At our Women’s Retreat at Elkhorn, this past year, Carol Potratz shared how she was used by God to develop relationships and share Christ with the Japanese people who came to her English language classes or to other activities with which she was involved. Now, as Carol enters a new phase of her life back in Edmonton, she challenged us to “Come as we are” and allow God to work through us, to boldly reach out to others, expanding our ministry at home and broadening relationships that bring strength, encouragement and perspective to our walk with Christ. It has been our privilege to support Carol as she served in Japan and to have her as our retreat speaker for the 4th time.



We are excited to be able to bless other women with the opportunity to attend our Retreat. 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. Mission Baptist in Winnipeg, received these sponsorships this past year and next year, they will be given to Moosehorn Baptist. The other 2 sponsorships are available upon request by a church or an individual who needs financial assistance to enable attendance.

Thank you, to Dave Henkelman for again helping us provide online registration for the Retreat. We ask for 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. This year you will be able to follow Retreat news through Facebook as well. Thank you, also, to our Retreat team who each use their gifting to make Retreat such a special event: Lisa Bater, Shirley Wynne, Rhea Jenkinson, Grace Elke, and Evelyn Bredin. Joining the team for the 2016 retreat planning are Judy Hart and Pearla Turner. Thank you for your servant hearts.



The pastor's wife agreed to give him a subtle signal whenever he started to "chase rabbits."

Mission Baptist hosted the Women's luncheon at the MBA AGM and conference last year. Evelyn Bredin, Grace Elke and Daphne Keck shared memories of the past 40 years of retreats.

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. We had been made aware of a need at Nu-

timik Camp for a commercial mixer. Since we had a surplus in our account we asked our women's groups in our churches for permission to increase the amount budgeted for Nutimik and Wellman from \$500 to \$2000 for each camp. This was enthusiastically agreed to and the camps received the money in July.

Many thanks to our faithful WM leadership team:

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

Please prayerfully consider joining the team. It is an opportunity to be stretched as we live for the legacy of Christ while communicating the story of our God and making room for the Spirit to work intimately in the hearts and lives of the people God brings in our way.

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 2014 Budget/Actual

		2014 Budget	2014 Actual	2015 Budget
OUTREACH MIN	Carol Potratz - Missionary To Japan	US\$1,000	US\$1,000	US\$1,000
	Mayette Ativo-Bueno - Philipppians	US\$500	US\$500	US\$500
	Nab Conf Wm	US\$500	US\$500	US\$500
	Lake Nutimik - Staff Scholarship	US\$500	US\$500	US\$500
	Wellman Lake Bible Camp	US\$500	US\$500	US\$500
	Women's Retreat Sponsorship	US\$460	US\$345	US\$480
	TOTAL OUTREACH MINISTRIES	US\$3,460	US\$3,345	US\$3,480
EXECUTIVE	Miscellaneous	US\$50	US\$40	US\$50
	Postage/Stationery	US\$50	US\$0	US\$50
	Travel	US\$1,200	US\$300	US\$1,200
	TOTAL EXECUTIVE	US\$1,300	US\$340	US\$1,300
LEADERSHIP	Appreciation/Ch. Women Leaders	US\$200	US\$131	US\$200
	TOTAL LEADERSHIP	US\$200	US\$131	US\$200
MBA WM AGM	Speaker Honourarium/Travel	US\$350	US\$0	US\$350
	Miscellaneous	US\$50	US\$0	US\$50
	TOTAL MBA WM AGM	US\$400	US\$0	US\$400
MISSION EVENTS	Speaker Honorarium/Travel	US\$200	US\$200	US\$200
	Hosting	US\$800	US\$375	US\$800
	TOTAL MISSION EVENTS	US\$1,000	US\$575	US\$1,000
RETREAT	All Workshops	US\$350	US\$150	US\$350
	Venue	US\$11,000	US\$10,100	US\$11,500
	Speaker	US\$2,500	US\$3,968	US\$2,500
	Worship	US\$800	US\$799	US\$850
	Special Touches	US\$600	US\$485	US\$600
	Team Meetings	US\$300	US\$0	US\$300
	Publicity/Promotion	US\$300	US\$126	US\$300
	Miscellaneous	US\$150	US\$133	US\$150
	TOTAL RETREAT	S\$16,000	S\$15,762	S\$16,550
MIN. WIVES	Speaker, Venue, Misc.	US\$3,200	US\$0	US\$0
RETREAT	TOTAL MINISTRY WIVES RETREAT	US\$3,200	US\$0	US\$0
	TOTALS	S\$25,560	S\$20,153	S\$22,930

Women's Ministry 2014 Income/Expenses

CHURCHES	2,013	2,014
First Baptist (Minitonas)	200.00	200.00
Grace Baptist (Ochre River)	300.00	300.00
Temple Baptist (Swan River)	200.00	200.00
Mission Baptist (Winnipeg)	250.00	0.00
TOTAL	950.00	700.00
GST rebate	178.38	
TOTAL	178.38	0.00
BANK - Interest	5.45	7.46
TOTAL	5.45	7.46
MISCELLANEOUS		
Book Table - Retreat (Offset by expense)	0.00	226.26
Women's Retreat Craft (Offset by Expense)	216.00	0.00
Silent Auction - Retreat	772.00	860.00
Donation From Flashpoint	0.00	800.00
Don Streuber (Retreat Expenses)	0.00	500.00
MBA Women's Retreat (Donations - MBA/NAB)	0.00	2,700.00
TOTAL	988.00	5,086.26
OFFERINGS		
Annual Meeting	1,425.04	1,114.35
Mission Conference	0.00	620.00
Retreat	2,059.25	2,986.00
TOTAL	3,484.29	4,720.35
REGISTRATIONS		
Ministry Wives Retreat	3,175.00	0.00
Mission Conference	0.00	310.00
Retreat (Incl. \$345 fr. Outreach Retreat Sponsorships)	12,365.14	13,407.70
TOTAL	15,540.14	13,717.70
TOTAL INCOME	21,146.26	24,231.77
EXPENSES	(20,156.18)	(20,153.12)
PROFIT/(LOSS)	990.08	4,078.65
RECAP		
Bank Balance – Dec 31, 2013		10,996.00
Expenses 2014		(20,153.12)
Income 2014		24,231.77
Bank Balance – Dec 31, 2014		15,074.65

Church Planting Ministries

Central Baptist Church

On Sunday October 19, 2014 Central Baptist Church held a closing service.

This was the end result to a period of study and discussion involving our Area Minister, members of the MBA executive and the leadership and members of the church. During this time 3 options were considered: 1. Continue on as we are, 2. Close permanently and dispose of all assets and 3. Close for a time and work with the NAB and MBA to find a church planter who would come to this area of the city and restart a congregation sometime in the near future.



"I can't stand to listen to anyone's preaching. You reckon that means the Lord is calling me to the ministry?"

At the closing service, Central's altar Bible and a communion set were entrusted to Mission Baptist Church with the view of returning these items at the start up service for a new church. Then on Sunday October 26, 2014 members of Central Baptist were welcomed at Mission Baptist Church at a special service. A combined worship Team from Central and Mission led worship that morning and a Thanksgiving Friendship Meal was held the next Sunday to welcome those who have chosen to worship during this

time at Mission.

Our MBA executive and I have been working with Cam Roxburgh and others to identify and place a church planter but have not been successful at this time.

West End Alive

At the December 2014 membership meeting of the Mission Baptist Church, Pastor Sig gave a presentation based on Nehemiah chapters 1 and 2 called MISSION 2020. It focused on 2 things: 1. An accurate review of our current situation, and 2. A vision for the future.

Nehemiah's first question: How is it going?

Here is a glimpse into Mission Baptist:

1. We are an aging congregation.

Here is the general breakdown by age of our members and attendees:

- Age 70+ = 79 individuals of which 26 are shut-ins

- Age 50 to 69 = 33 individuals (Total 112)
- Age 30 to 49 = 23 individuals mostly parents of the last two groups
- Age 19 to 29 = 4 individuals (Total 27)
- Age 13 to 18 = 10 individuals
- Under the age of 13 = 20 children (Total 30)

2. We have a fantastic tool for ministry in our church building but it is suffering from **aging infrastructure**.

Our heating and air conditioning is well past its designed shelf life.

3. These two realities put stress on our church budget.

How can we “Rebuild the Walls?”

For Sunday morning

1. Member care: MISSION 2020 GOAL: Provide effective and timely care for our elderly and break the “If the Pastor hasn’t visited... mentality.”
2. Member outreach: MISSION 2020 GOAL: 5 groups started by Easter 2015 with 10 going by the end of the year.

Both of these have had limited success to date but the emphasis on prayer and encouragement has brought a fresh optimism to the congregation. This is the support structure for WEST END ALIVE.

West End Alive

West End Alive is the name given to a church replant at Mission Baptist. The vision is a replant of MBC while helping the present congregation finish well. This is the major component of Mission 2020 and has 4 major em-phases:

1. West End Alive at 5: This is our main outreach service held every Sunday at 5pm. Four answers to prayer make this Sunday night service possible: God supplied a worship leader and cook, the current congregation using the church on Sunday afternoon moved into their own facilities making the church available for WEA and a young leadership team committed to join with Pastor Sig to give leadership to this church plant.



While moving the new pastor into his office, the deacons voted to call an emergency meeting.

The current format is to start with a time of worship, go to Bible study time (currently going through the book of Mark), a prayer ministry time and then share a simple meal together.

Home visits and community home groups will expand this service.

2. Family and Outreach Pastor hired to join the MBC ministry team. Ben Kroeker has been hired to fill this position. His responsibility is primarily to West End Alive for home visits and community contact. Also, his responsibility is to be a contact with the area schools and especially to restart Discovery Time at Wellington Elementary School.
3. Family ministry: MISSION 2020 GOAL: During weekly home visits to contacts made at food bank, summer outreach and other contacts, information on what is happening at the church (morning and afternoon) is shared, prayer requests are immediately prayed for and locations for home Bible studies are actively sought.
4. Children's Ministry: MISSION 2020 GOAL: To develop an age appropriate children's ministry of teaching and service consisting of a Sunday morning and evening children's program with weekly events.
5. Teen Ministry: MISSION 2020 GOAL: To develop an age appropriate teen ministry of teaching and service. In the summer 2015 WEA joined with the teen ministry of Living Bible Explorers to hold a weekly teen event at MBC. Several of these teens are now regular volunteers at WEA services and are being developed as future leaders.

In the spring of 2015, an agreement was reached between the MBA and MBC to access some MBA church planting funds to help fund Ben's portion of his work in church planting West End Alive. Details will be presented at the October AGM.

The Central Baptist replant, Mission 2020, and WEST END ALIVE are rooted in two promises Jesus made:

1. I will build my church, and
2. "...the fields are ripe to harvest..."

Join us in praying for this work in the West End of Winnipeg.

Submitted by Sig Seidel – Church Planting Chair

Lake Nutimik Baptist Camp

No report submitted.

Wellman Lake Bible Camp

As I write this the 2015 camping season is over and we just have rentals to deal with for the remainder of the season. God has given us a great year. It was uneventful from the viewpoint of issues, but isn't that the



way we really want it?

We had a wonderful staff again this year that used the theme of 'Seeking and Searching' to bring God's message of salvation to the campers in 6 different age groups of camps. Our director was Rachel Dahl and we had a full slate of counselors that assisted her along with a lifeguard, speakers and of course, the kitchen staff. There were a number of children that made commitments to Christ or renewed their faith. Our roll now is to support these individuals through social and personal contact and try to engage them in various church programming available to them in their communities.

There were some additions to the facilities this year with the installation of a walk-in cooler. This tremendously improved the workings in the kitchen and was appreciated by the kitchen staff. We also purchased an AED defibrillator to have on site. We are praying that it never needs to be used. Several of the staff took it upon themselves to create a bog walk in the bush. This proved to be very popular with the campers, and probably not so much with the laundry department at home. Thank you to Camp Nutimik for selling us (at a great price) their water trampoline. The kids loved it and it was a favourite activity in the heat this summer.

We look forward to what and where God leads us as we plan for the future. Upgrades are a certainty but programming and planning are a large part of where we want to focus our effort. We thank you for your prayers and ask that you continue to pray for WLBC and the ministry God has entrusted to us.

Submitted by Lorne Muller, on behalf of the WLBC Board



Meadowood Manor Chaplaincy

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." — 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

I shared the above verses at the MBHS's (Meadowood Manor) Annual Meeting in June. They are a good encouragement and a challenge to all of us as well. We all "lose Heart" (become discouraged) at times; we all are growing older ("wasting away"); we all face "troubles"; but when we have hope in the "unseen" (God and His promises) we can keep going and we can encourage others to keep their eyes, their hopes and their future on our eternal loving God and His Son, The Lord Jesus. Our God gives us fresh strength to face each day, each struggle and each trouble (Isaiah 40:31).

Thank You

I want to take the opportunity to give a few “thank-you”s:

- 1) Thanks for the privilege of serving here at Meadowood. My wife and I enjoy each day with its opportunities, challenges and blessings;
- 2) Thank you for your support in prayer, finances, encouragement, and serving in so many ways here;
- 3) Thank you to the various boards and committees for all you do;
- 4) Thank you to our faithful supporting churches for your ministry in sharing, singing, giving and praying;
- 5) Thank you to the Chaplaincy Support Committee for their support and encouragement, each one who serves on this committee sees the ministry here as very important;
- 6) Thank you to The Meadowood Manor Foundation for overseeing the financial support of the Chaplaincy and funding so many special projects that make the Chaplaincy ministry continue to improve; and
- 7) Thank you to those who have prayed and asked about my health.

Summary of Ministry Activities

- Sunday Morning Worship Service at Meadowood – 130 average
- Fellowship Hour on the 10th Floor – 38 (weekly from Sept to May)
- German Bible Study (twice a month from Sept. to May) – 16-18
- Sing A Long (twice a month from Sept. to May) - 130
- Morning Song (daily) -39
- Visits in Residents Room (care side) – 23 monthly
- Visits with Tenants (Towers) – 7 monthly
- Visits in the Hospital (residents + tenants) – average 10 monthly
- Visits with family members of residents & tenants – average 7 monthly
- Visits with staff (private times) – 5 monthly

Highlights and Events from the Past Year

1. The Sunday Morning Service continues to be the anchor for our Meadowood ministry. It is always exciting to see the room fill up with the residents, tenants, visitors and staff. The ministry of music provided by the churches is always a highlight of our times together. I have also been amazed to see those in the surrounding area come to the Services on Sunday.

I continue to be able to share very personally with some of the tenants and residents because of what is shared on Sundays. They have questions and/or comments and we are able to share with them what God’s Word says. We have seen several decisions this past year. I have constant requests to pray for families and loved ones.

2. Our Daily Announcements and short devotional challenge that is shared every

morning at 9:00 a.m. over the P.A. system is another opportunity to share with residents and staff what is taking place that day and then leave a short challenge based on God's word with them.

3. Two ministries that occur that I'm not actually involved in are: a) "Inspiration for The Way" Bible study every Thursday (Emma and her volunteers do a great job of preparing and sharing) and b) the German Bible Study (where the German speaking tenants and residents are able to hear God's Word in their original language; which is very important) meets



twice a month (September to May). I want to give a big thank you to the faithful group of volunteers that come to serve at the German Bible Study and also help every Monday morning with the residents and tenants.

4. My wife & I have had the opportunity to visit with the tenants and residents (and at times family members) when they are in the hospital. This is always a special time as it is one on one and they are usually very open to having Scripture read, singing and praying together.

5. We continue to hold a Memorial service every other month to remember those who have passed away. This is a good time for families to come back and share as we remember the lives of their loved ones.

6. This past year we were able to celebrate special "Sundays" as we celebrated some of the following: Easter, Christmas, Remembrance Day, Mother's & Father's Day and Thanksgiving. The first Sunday of each month we usually hold our Communion Service; which most Residents and Tenants look forward to.

7. One of the special privileges I have is to be able to meet with staff members. I can encourage, pray and share God's word and promises with them.

8. This year, Pastor Hamm passed away. He had a very big part in making the Chaplaincy Ministry what it is today and he laid a solid foundation that I have the privilege of continuing to build on.

I could share about several other ministries and activities that take place; but you can get the picture. The Chaplaincy ministry continues to be very important. But

none of these things could take place without the help of many volunteers. Thanks again for all you do! And remember that this ministry is part of the M.B.A. and your church's outreach into our world. ***Remember that Meadowood continues to be a part of the "Mission Field" God has called us to be part of as we reach out to seniors.***

Please continue to pray for the many activities at Meadowood. Pray that God's Word would continue to work in hearts and lives of the residents, tenants, staff, families, volunteers and other.

"Therefore we do not lose heart..."

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. The following are presently serving on the Foundation's Board of Directors:

- Ed Bergstresser (Emmanuel),
- Allan Donald (Whyte Ridge),
- Helga Kahler (Rowandale),
- Anneliese Kunze (McDermot),
- Cheryl Liessens (Rowandale),
- Edith Matychuk (Rowandale),
- Norman Patzia (McDermot),
- Norman Piel (Whyte Ridge),
- Pauline Senior (Abundant Life), and
- Thomas Suffield (Whyte Ridge).

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 Cerqueti.

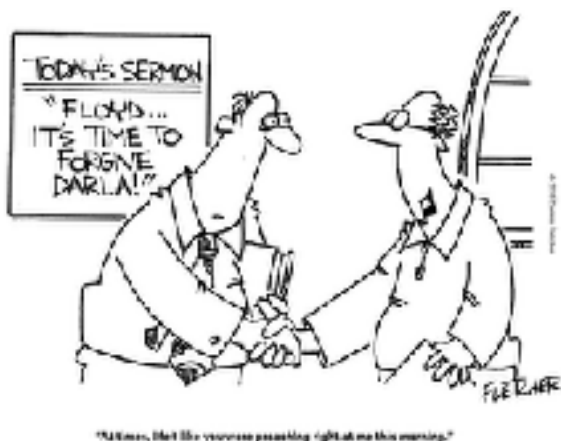
The continued generosity of donors allowed the Foundation to accomplish the following in support of its objectives over the past year:

- 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 25, 2014); Annual Fund Raising Dinner (May 28, 2015); and Annual Charity Golf Tournament (August 24, 2015).
- The Foundation purchased an iPad (\$531.00) for use by the Recreation Department staff with Personal Care Home residents and their families.
- The Foundation purchased iPod Shuffles with Headphones (\$363.00) loaded with music for therapeutic use with Personal Care Home residents.
- The Foundation purchased a 55 inch Smart TV for the Personal Care Home 1st floor lounge (\$1,093.00) for the enjoyment of the Personal Care Home residents and their families.
- The Foundation purchased 2 Wireless Microphones (\$852.00) for use in worship services and other events conducted in the Chapel.
- The Foundation purchased a "Countryman" Wireless Microphone & Receiver (\$1,309.00) for use in worship services and other events conducted in the Chapel.
- The Foundation purchased various educational media (\$921.00) for use in staff training and continued development.
- The Foundation purchased an Outdoor Christmas Nativity Scene (\$3,800.00) that will be enjoyed by residents, their families and friends annually during the Christmas season, and will serve as a testimony to the real meaning of Christmas.
- The Foundation purchased a Bladder Scanner (\$18,000.00) to detect and help



prevent bladder infections amongst Personal Care Home residents.

We thank our donors for their generosity in allowing our Foundation to achieve all of the foregoing for the benefit of those who live at Meadowood Manor.



At the Annual General Meetings of the Meadowood Manor organizations this past June 2015, the responsibility for the Meadowood Manor Auxiliary passed from Manitoba Baptist Home Society Inc. (the owner/operator of Meadowood Manor) to the Foundation. Since the Auxiliary's activities consist of additional fundraising in support of Meadowood Manor, it was determined that it was

more appropriate for the Auxiliary to function under the Foundation. As a result, the Foundation's By-Laws were also amended so as to provide for the Auxiliary President, by virtue of office, to serve as a Foundation Director. The current Auxiliary President is Helga Kahler (Rowandale).

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.

This again has been a very eventful year for General Council. The normal business of the General Council meetings. The reports of all the cooperating and ministry organizations. The request for decisions for a variety of conference matters. The financial reports and approval of the budget. Constitutional reform, the election of officers and a new executive director.

The meeting's main thrust was the organizational re-design proposal for our conference.

Bob Fast, NAB moderator for the last three years, gave excellent leadership in guiding the discussions to accept the proposal at the Triennial conference in Sacramento in July 2015 for approval; which reads as follows:

1. That the General Council be given three years to develop and implement a new organizational structure (transition period) and have this new structure ready for full implementation and formally documented for the 2018 Triennial.
2. That as part of the transitional organizational structure the executive director be expected to fully engage the key decision makers of the conference in strategy and implementation discussions in what is known as the strategy group.
3. That the executive committee be expanded from eight members to up to fifteen during the transition period to include up to four regional ministers.
4. That the General council delegate all authority for the governance and oversight of the conference to the expanded version of the executive committee that will act on behalf of the General Council during the three year period ending in May 2018.
5. That the General Council continue to be provided with copies of minutes of the executive committee meetings during the transition period and gather at least once per year (electronically) in years one and two for verbal updates and opportunity for feedback/questions. In the third year the General Council shall meet physically to review and affirm to version of the organizational structure and governance that will be recommended to the Triennial.



That's three year's, two no's and one, "when pigs fly!"

At the Triennial Conference:

- Dan Hamil was elected Executive Secretary
- Richard Brown was elected chief Financial officer
- Harry Kelm will lead our conference as Moderator for the next three years

I really believe our conference office is staffed by godly people. Please keep our office, our regional ministers, and our association executives in your prayers.

On a personal note: This will be my last report after serving several years on the General Council as the Rep for the Manitoba Association. I truly enjoyed being a part of decision making of our larger NAB family. Thank you all for the confidence you have had in me to represent you. May God continue to bless the work of the Manitoba Association and our North American Baptist Conference.

Submitted by Harry Pohl – MBA General Council Representative

NAB Conference Executive Director

Greeting from the churches of the North American Baptist Conference and the staff of the International Office in Roseville, California. I pray this report finds you walking in step with the Spirit of God and sensing His transforming presence in your lives and your ministries.



Beginning last February the Executive Committee of the General Council asked me to serve as the interim Executive Director/CEO of the North American Baptist Conference. Over the past year, the team at the International Office has worked hard to lead churches into a missionary movement, wherein each NAB church member sees themselves as a missionary to their neighbors, workplaces, and communities. In this movement, as a conference of churches, we are laboring side by side to “Impact the NEXT Community, Reach the NEXT Nation, and Equip the NEXT Generation.”

Call to Prayer

Last spring I called the entire NAB family to a season of intentional prayer during our time of transition. This call to prayer was founded on Jesus’ admonition from John 15 for each of us to abide in Him, even as a vine abides in the branches. This spring I will offer another call to prayer, asking the entire NAB family to intercede for the future of the NAB.

*Even en route to lunch,
the Search Committee
kept their eyes peeled...*



NAB Executive Director Search Committee

The NAB Executive Director Search Committee has been meeting weekly since the beginning of November. Chaired by Ron Norman, other members of the committee include Joel Dewey, Terry Fossen, Carla Freeman, Dan Heringer, Harry Kelm, and Randy Jaspers. To date, almost a dozen nominations have been submitted to the committee for review. Reference checks, leadership diagnostic tools, and face-to-face interviews are all part of the process for those moving

beyond the initial recommendation. Please pray for discernment as this committee works with the candidates. Ultimately, this committee will present a candidate or candidates to the General Council for consideration.

Editor's Note: *Dan Hamil, after being presented first to the General Council and then to the 2015 Triennial Conference delegates in Sacramento, California, was elected to the position of NAB Executive Director.*

Triennial

Registration for the 2015 Triennial Conference is well underway. If you have never experienced Triennial before, you don't want to miss out. Every three years, we gather as churches from all over Canada and the US to celebrate God's work among us. Your voice will join in worship with others. Your heart will be moved by the stories from NAB missionaries, international partners, pastors, and leaders. Your mind will gain new insights for you to take back to your local church.

As a special note, the 2015 Triennial Conference in July 2015 will host a good number of international ministry directors and NAB missionaries. Attendees can engage face to face with these special friends.

On Thursday morning the following individuals will host various breakout sessions, providing firsthand knowledge about what God is doing around the world.

Dr. Peter Mitskevich, President, Moscow Theological Seminary
 Ncham Godwill Chiatoh, Exec. President, Cameroon Baptist Convention
 Jozsef Csuhai, CHE Coordinator, Hungarian Baptist Union for ministry to the Roma
 Mayette Ativo-Bueno, Director, Bicol Center for Christian Leadership, Philippines
 Rev. Minoru Taniguchi of the Japan Baptist Convention

If you haven't taken the opportunity to check out the Triennial website (www.nab-conference.org), please spend some time exploring the website to learn more about:

- Moving Bible teaching by Mark Buchanan
- Inspiring speakers: Dave Johnson and Reggie McNeal
- Three unique all-conference receptions
- Creative children's programming
- Gatherings for youth
- Unique "Breakouts and Breakfast" sessions
- Special meal events

Missionary Recruitment

In the past six months, the North American Baptist Conference has recruited and accepted four new missionaries to serve God around the world on behalf of NAB churches. Please continue to pray for the following missionaries:

- Craig and Maureen Moody: Appointed to Cameroon to serve initially as Hostel Parents.
- Lee and Beta Taylor: Appointed to Cameroon to serve at the Rain Forest International School.
- Bud and Lois (last name intentionally withheld): Appointed to serve in East Asia.

- Tony Dunaway: Appointed as a missionary partner to serve with Every Orphans Hope, Zambia.

We praise God for leading these individuals and couples into international missionary service. Please pray for their financial support raising. The needs these missionary are meeting are critical and time sensitive. Ask God to provide churches and individuals to support these missionaries immediately.

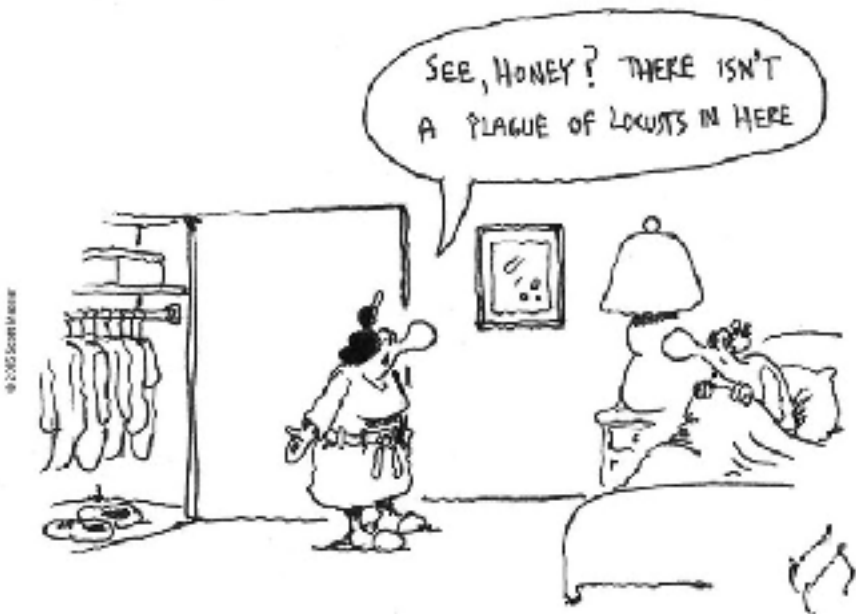
Thank You

Thank your for your prayers and encouragement for the leadership of the International Office over the last number of months. We have sensed God's hand in guiding and supporting us through this interim period.

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.



Submitted by Dan Hamil – Executive Director



The first sign of pastor burnout.

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FALL 2015 ASSOCIATION REPORT

message from the president

The 2014-2015 year was remarkable and certainly one to remember. It was a strong academic year for us, graduating 17 students, completing some significant curriculum changes, and increasing our core faculty by almost 50%. Our EP Wahl Centre saw a banner year with a steady increase in participants and new programming. Overall, we are doing well.

Here are some significant recent events of note:

Budget. For the first time in 3 years we have posted a deficit budget. This was due in some degree to a decline in our annual fund donations, but it was largely due to 2014-2015 being a year of reinvesting in the institution, primarily with the hire of new core faculty members and a new Director of the E P Wahl Centre.

Renewed partnership with Sioux Falls Seminary. This year has been an important year for a renewal of NAB partnerships. In order to better fulfill our mission, Taylor is partnering with Sioux Falls Seminary in a host of initiatives including a shared online education platform.

Renewed partnership with Cameroon Baptist Convention. Taylor Seminary, along with the NAB International Office and Sioux Falls Seminary, are working with the CBC and Cameroon Baptist Theological Seminary to create a nationwide theological education platform in Cameroon.

NAB on Mission Together. Taylor is joining other NAB-affiliated organizations in a joint fundraising campaign that advances local and international ministries.

75th Anniversary Celebration. Our year of celebration will continue across western Canada throughout the fall and climax in our Celebration Banquet on Oct. 24th here at Taylor. Please see www.Taylor-Edu.ca for more information, and please plan to attend! I'd love to see you.

Shalom,

Dr. David Williams, President



what pastors are saying

"Overall it was great. I came tired, stressed, discouraged, uncertain about the future. Am leaving refreshed, renewed, peaceful, encouraged. **THRIVE** has provided a safe environment to engage with other pastors and leaders to dialogue about life and ministry issues."

*-Pastor who attended
THRIVE 2015, a retreat from
the E P Wahl Centre's
Healthy Pastor Initiative*

Latest News

Carol Potratz Returns!

Taylor welcomes Dr. Carol Potratz as a Core faculty member in a half-time capacity as Director of Supervised Ministry effective August 15, 2015.

Dr. Willy Muller Retires

Taylor is putting together a celebration event to honour the educational service of Dr. Willy Muller as he retires. A retirement BBQ will take place at Taylor Seminary on Sept. 19 (5 - 8PM). Please RSVP to Lori.Muz@Taylor-Edu.ca, or (780) 431-5200.

Prof. Thompson Steps Back

Len Thompson (Assistant Prof. of Spiritual Formation) has resigned from his Core faculty position due to health concerns. He will continue to teach one Spiritual Formation course per semester.



Photos – Taylor's 75th Anniversary

1. A maple tree was planted on the Taylor campus by the Board of Trustees to commemorate our 75th Anniversary.
2. **Dr. David Williams**, speaking at the 2015 Triennial. Taylor's 75th Anniversary was honored with a generous gift of a scholarship for a future Seminary student from our NAB family. On behalf of all of us here at Taylor, thank you!

How You can Be Part of All that God is Doing at Taylor

Taylor Seminary: One of the core priorities of Taylor Seminary is to provide a high-calibre educational experience that is available through a highly flexible system of course delivery.



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Living outside of Edmonton and interested in taking a graduate course?

The following courses are being offered online this Fall and Winter: *NT Intro, OT Intro, Christian Ethics, Christian Worldview, Applied Cultural Anthropology*

Check out our new live online classroom (Fall Tuesdays 8:30-12:15pm): *Systematic Theology*, taught by Dr. Randal Rauser.

Interested in a Graduate degree with a large degree of choice?

Check out our newly-revised Master of Theological Studies degree (48 credits)! Create a concentration of courses in your interest area with 15 credits of free electives.

Living in Edmonton but working during the days?

Check out our online courses (above), as well as our evening courses (Tuesday and Thursday nights): *Christian Apologetics; Christian Worship; Understanding Islam; Theology of Formation; Biblical Theology of Atonement; Gospel and Epistles of John, Essentials of Pastoral Care; TESOL Methods and Materials; Developing Christian Social Ministries*

Interested in Graduate studies but money is tight?

- Alumni can audit a Taylor course for free.
- First-time students can take a Taylor course at half-price.

**(contact Rick Heavenor for more details)*

Prayer & Praise Matters

- Praise for the addition of Dr. Carol Potratz to our Core faculty as Director of Supervised Ministry!
- Praise for the new faculty and course delivery partnerships with Sioux Falls Seminary.
- Praise for the denominational diversity of our student body.
- Pray for a complete restoration of health for prof. Len Thompson.
- Pray for our faculty as we embark on a program and curriculum review.
- Pray for our many international students as they orient themselves to a new culture and to graduate level education.
- Pray for the unfolding partnership with the theological schools of the Cameroon Baptist Convention.

E P Wahl Centre

Dr. Ralph Korner – Director



Upcoming Events include:

- Sept–April (Wednesdays) – **7 Practices of a Follower of Jesus**
- Oct 6&7 – **“Bummed, Burned, or Broken: Moving Beyond Ministry Disillusionment”**
- Oct 21 – **Lunch & Learn: Preparing for your Pastor's Sabbatical**
- Oct 23-24 – **onWORD Conference**, with Benno Przybylski and singer/author Steve Bell
- Nov 6-7 – **Overflow: A Worship Equipping Conference**
- Jan 20 – **Healthy Pastor's Initiative: Finding Opportunity in Conflict Workshop**
- Feb. 3 – **Sabbatical Preparation Workshop**
- Feb. 11 – **Flourish** (for pastors; Lethbridge)
- Feb. 24 – **Lunch & Learn: Communication Best Practices for Churches**
- March 18 – **E.P. Wahl Lectures** with Dr. Norman Wirzba
- May 17-20 – **THRIVE**: strengthening resiliency for ministry workers (Camp Caroline)
- June 7-8 – **Building Healthy Church Staffs**: A team-building event for pastoral staffs and church administrative professionals. (Edmonton and Calgary)

Visit www.taylor-edu.ca/events

White Cross Shipment

Another shipment of supplies was recently sent to Cameroon: baby blankets, flannel diapers and jackets (layettes), collected and donated medical supplies and equipment, and rolled bandages. Also, a new White Cross brochure is available. For more updates, send an email to WhiteCross@Taylor-edu.ca.

Connect Online

75th Anniversary Banquet

Guest Speaker: **Dr. Benno Przybylski**

Location: The Gym on the Taylor Campus
(now the home of *Imagining Church*)

Date: Saturday, October 24, 2015

Time: 6:00 PM (Dinner at 6:30 PM, Program at 7:30 PM)

Cost: \$35.00 per person; seating is limited.

Tickets: www.Taylor-Edu.ca/75 By Phone: 780-431-5201

Pre-Banquet Event: Open House at Taylor

A time of fellowship for alumni and friends of Taylor;
no RSVP needed for the Open House - just drop by from 3-5:30PM.

Please join us as we celebrate our **75th Anniversary**



Regional Celebrations: Dessert Night!

Kelowna, BC, Lakeview Heights Baptist Church
Wednesday, October 14, 2015, 7:00 PM

Richmond, BC – Bethany Baptist Church
Thursday, October 15, 2015, 7:00 PM

Winnipeg, MB – Whyte Ridge Baptist Church
Friday, October 30, 2015, 7:30 PM

Swan River, MB – Temple Baptist Church
Sunday, November 1, 2015, 7:00 PM

Cost: \$5.00 at the door | **RSVP by Phone:** 780-431-5201
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- Maintains high academic quality while being applicable to a person's current context
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Sioux Falls Seminary is excited to be about the work of the Kingdom. We use the gifts God has given us by working with the local church and moving outward from there. We are committed to:

- working with others to serve those God has placed in our care;
- being faithful in the stewardship of what we have;
- walking alongside others as we cooperatively participate in God's work.

EXCITING NEWS & ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENTS

- The **Kairos Project**, which offers a new track within the Master of Divinity and M.A. in Christian Leadership programs, gives students the opportunity to focus on the achievement of outcomes while serving in ministry and walking alongside a team of mentors and faculty. The project, currently with 15 students, is academically challenging and fully integrates the life and ministry of a student.
- **Doctor of Ministry Partnerships**
 - .**Missional Church Leadership**: partnerships with the North American Baptist Next Community Initiative and Forge Canada
 - .**Pastoral Psychoanalysis**: working with the Brookhaven Institute for Psychoanalysis and Christian Theology (BIPACT) to offer a first-of-its-kind D.Min. degree
- A **redesign of the Master of Arts in Christian Leadership**, which adjusted the program to 37 credit hours, is:
 - .enhancing core theological foundations
 - .allowing students to create custom concentrations
 - .creating opportunities for partnerships with organizations
- An **updated Master of Arts in Counseling program** is:
 - .providing an increased number of licensure opportunities
 - .positioning the MACO as our primary (and eventually only) counseling degree
 - .giving students the opportunity to pursue areas of expertise including, but not limited to, marriage and family therapy, child and adolescent behavior, and mental health counseling
- **Sioux Falls Psychological Services is celebrating 40 years** of meeting the emotional, spiritual, and relational needs of the region by offering a full range of services for individuals, couples, and families. Their team of multidisciplinary mental health professionals serve through the Therapy and Assessment Clinic, the Child & Adolescent Therapy Clinic, and the Community Counseling Clinic.

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Other ways to join in God's work through the seminary are to:

- .attend an event
- .take a class
- .consider a program
- .refer a student



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- Doctor of Ministry
- Master of Divinity
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- Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy
- Master of Arts (Bible and Theology)
- Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies

NON-DEGREE:

- Certificate in Christian Ministry
- Training in Spiritual Direction

FIGURES

based on 2013-14 academic year



- Total Headcount = 298
 - .Master's students = 174
 - .Omaha students = 17
- Male/Female Comparison
 - .59% male students
 - .41% female students
- Master's Level Breakdown
 - .Full time 26%; Part time 74%
- Sioux Falls Seminary is larger than half the seminaries in ATS
- Locations: Sioux Falls, SD; Omaha, NE; and online

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	68
103	First Baptist • Minitonas	2015	Barry Thiessen	

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