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WISDOM, SO THAT WE MAY PRESENT EVERYONE FULLY MATURE IN CHRIST.  
- COLOSSIANS 1:28 -



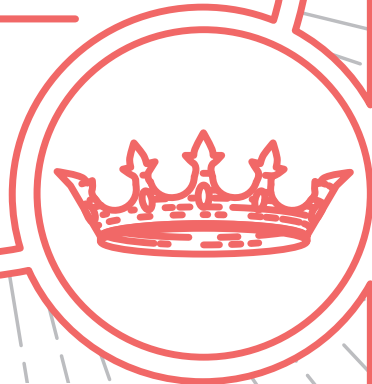
OCTOBER 12 & 13, 2018

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## STU STREETER - BIOGRAPHY

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Stu has been a part of the NAB International Office staff and Executive Team since 2015. He is also the founding and lead pastor of Disciples Church, an NAB church plant in Folsom, California. In its nine years of ministry, Disciples Church has partnered in the launching of eight other churches. For the last twenty years, Stu has served in several full-time ministry capacities as lead pastor, church planter, and ministry fundraiser. Stu and his wife, Jen, have been married for nineteen years and have four kids, Isaac, 17; Ryin, 15; Sophia, 13; and Aaron, 12. Stu is an avid cyclist and lifelong Denver Broncos fan, and when you get a chance, ask him about his favorite baseball team, the Milwaukee Brewers.



## SESSION NOTES - FRIDAY EVENING

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# **2018 BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA**

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**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

**Seating of the Delegates**

**Appointment of Special Committees**

- Ballot Committee
- Scrutineers' Committee

**Minutes of the Oct 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 AGM**

**Minutes of the May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Special General Session**

**Business arising from the Minutes**

**Financial Report**

**Presentation of the 2019 Budget**

**Reports:**

- Moderators Report
- Regional Ministers Report
- Other Reports

**Motion to Approve the Actions of the Executive in 2017**

**Nomination of Directors and Officers for 2019**

**Election of Directors and Officers**

**Other Business**

**Scrutineers' Report**

**Next Meetings:**

- Special General Session – May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019
- Annual General Meeting – Oct 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**Closing Prayer**

## CALL TO ORDER & SEATING OF THE DELEGATES

CHURCH	ELIGIBLE DELEGATES	ELIGIBLE PASTORS	PRESENT
Abundant Life	5	1	
Elim, Beausejour	3	1	
Emmanuel, Morris	5	1	
First, Minitonas	6	2	
Fort Richmond	3	1	
Grace, Ochre River	6	2	
Little Woody, Swan River	3	1	
McDermot Avenue	7	2	
Mission	6	1	
Moosehorn, Moosehorn	3	1	
New Life Ministries	3	1	
Oakbank, Oakbank	5	1	
Rowandale	7	2	
Temple, Swan River	6	1	
Waverley	6	2	
Whiteshell, Seven Sisters	5	1	
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	8	0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>27</b>	

## 2018 MBA OFFICERS & TERMS

OFFICE	2018 AGM (nominees & continuing)	TERM	2017 AGM	TERM	2016 AGM	TERM	2015 AGM	TERM
MODERATOR	Barry Thiessen		Barry Thiessen	1	Barry Thiessen	2	Barry Thiessen	3
SECRETARY	Brad Quiring	1	Brad Quiring	2	Brad Quiring	3	Dave Henkelman	1
TREASURER	Al Donald	2	Al Donald	3	Al Donald	1	Al Donald	2
WOMEN'S REP:	Daphne Keck		Daphne Keck	1	Daphne Keck	1	Daphne Keck	1
AT LARGE	Grace Elke	2	Grace Elke	3	Grace Elke	1	Grace Elke	2
AT LARGE	Tony Penner	1	Tony Penner	2	Tony Penner	3		
AT LARGE	Steve Black		Steve Black	1	Steve Black	2		
AT LARGE	Nathan Brandes	2	Nathan Brandes	3				

# 2017 AGM MINUTES

## 1. WELCOME, OPENING PRAYER

## 2. DELEGATES

- a. There is a quorum, 85 delegates were in attendance.

## 3. SCRUTINEERS

- a. Steve Black, Daphne Keck
- b. *NOTE:* request from Moderator to have hands ballots as opposed to paper ballots. There were no objections

## 4. MINUTES of October 15, 2016 and April, 2017 Electronic meeting

- a. *NOTE:* correct Elections for 2017/2018 to 2016/2018
- b. MOVED Al Donald, SECOND Nathan Brandes, Be it so moved that the Minutes of the October 15, 2016 Annual General Meeting and the April, 2017 Special Electronic meeting, be accepted with corrections. DECISION: Carried

## 5. MOTIONS *NOTE: EDIT MOTION 2*

- a. **MOTION 1, Acceptance of Little Woody Baptist Church.** MOVED Steve Black, SECONDED Tony Penner. Be it so moved that the Manitoba Baptist Association General Meeting welcome Little Woody Baptist Church into the Association, with the accompanying rights and responsibilities. DECISION: Carried
- b. **MOTION 2, Waiver of 45 day wait period for nominations.** MOVED Daphne Keck SECONDED Kevin Schular Be it so moved that the 45 day wait period for nominations be set aside for the nomination of the 2018 Officers. DECISION Carried
- c. **MOTION 3, Increase the number of members at large on executive.** MOVED Bradley Quiring SECONDED Allan Donald. Be it so moved that Section 5, Subsection 4, of the Manitoba Baptist Association by-laws (Amended October 15, 2015) be changed to read, “four members at large”. DECISION: Carried
- d. **MOTION 4, Nomination of 2018 Officers.** MOVED Brad Quiring SECONDED Tony Penner. Be it so moved that

the following slate of officers be accepted as members of the Executive of the Manitoba Baptist Association with the additional nominees of Nathan Brandes (member at large).  
DECISION: Carried

- i. **Moderator:** Barry Thiessen
- ii. **Treasurer:** Al Donald (Re-appointment for 3 years)
- iii. **Women's Ministry Representative:** Daphne Keck
- iv. **Secretary:** Brad Quiring
- v. **Member at large:** Grace Elke (Re-appointment for 3 years)
- vi. **Member at large:** Tony Penner
- vii. **Member at large:** Steve Black

## **6. FINANCIAL REPORT**

- a. Al Donald presented the Financial Report

## **7. PRESENTATION OF 2018 BUDGET**

- a. Al Donald presented the 2018 budget of the Manitoba Baptist Association.
- b. **MOTION 5. 2018 Budget** MOVED Al Donald SECONDED David Wynne. Be it so moved that the 2018 budget for the Manitoba Baptist Association be approved. DECISION: Carried

## **8. INTRODUCTION OF NEW REGIONAL MINISTER**

- a. Barry Thiessen introduced Dr. Randy Jaspers as the new Regional Minister.

## **9. UPDATE FROM OCHRE RIVER COMMUNITY CENTRE**

- a. Brad Muller presented an update on the Community Centre, which had its grand opening September 21, 2107.

## **10. NEXT MEETING, October 12, 13, 2018**

- a. Location to be announced.

## **II. CLOSING PRAYER**

## MAY 9<sup>th</sup> 2018 MBA SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

### PRESENT AT MEETING

**EXECUTIVE:** Steven Black (Zoom), Nathan Brandes (Zoom), Al Donald, Daphne Keck (Zoom), Brad Quiring, Barry Thiessen

**CHURCH LEADERS:** Neil Effa, Doug Friesen, Terry Janke, Randy Jaspers

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL** - 90 registered delegates
3. **MOTION:** MOVED Allan Donald, Seconded Brad Quiring, that the Financial Report for the period January 1 through December 31, 2017 be approved as presented. DISCUSSION - None. CARRIED - 90 in favor, 0 Against.
4. **QUESTIONS TO MBA EXECUTIVE** – None
5. **BARRY THIESSEN DECLARED THE MEETING ADJOURNED**

## REGIONAL MINISTER'S REPORT

Thank you for warmly welcoming Kristy and me, as well as affirming me in this new role. My call is to facilitate churches and leaders toward health. Practically that means working with Search Committees, Boards, pastors and staff as we find our joy walking together with our Lord. My emphasis this first year has been connecting with our MBA and NCA churches.

### SOME HIGHLIGHTS:

- MBA Pastors completed Part 2 of “Authentic Leadership” in April. (Part 1 was in October 2017.) Summary - When we live from our position in Christ as beloved sons and daughters, redeemed by Him alone, we experience the freedom and joy of being bearers of the gospel. When we substitute anything else for whatever reason, we live from a false self that enslaves us, our families, our churches and others.
- Anniversaries: 100 years - Moosehorn (August), 90 years - Minitonas (September), 40 years - Meadowood Manor (May).
- Interims: Bruce (Monica) Hollins serves Oakbank. Jeff (Karen) Peters serves Beausejour. -Grace Baptist (Ochre River) welcomed Pastor Steve and Tiffany Pearson (September).
- 52nd NAB Triennial Conference, Edmonton, July. Nearly all MBA churches were represented as we were inspired and challenged by the theme, “Shaped for Mission.” Review the report from Dr. Dan Hamil, our Executive Director, for more information.

### OBSERVATIONS AND CHALLENGES: THE THREE R’S:

- ***Relationships.*** One area that continues to come up repeatedly is the difficulty we have with unresolved relationships - between pastors and boards, brothers and sisters in Christ, husbands and

wives, etc. We often resist the hard, but blessed and necessary, work of reconciliation and restoration. Times of stress reveal the cracks that our identity is based on something less than living in the forgiveness of the gospel. We are all sinners in need of and saved by the same grace. How might God speak to a world in need of a Savior through our biblically mending broken relationships?

- ***Refocusing.*** Our smaller churches (often rural) struggle with the lack of numbers to facilitate worship, boards and various programs. Often we emphasize a lack of funds, but the real issue is a lack of leadership stemming from what we might call a lack of “followership”. This challenge is not restricted to our smaller churches. Mission, then, is understood as what others do who share in foreign countries, rather than what all of us who name Christ are to be/do together as His ambassadors. How do we change our focus to encourage and equip each other during our gathered times for mission where we work and live (while continuing to resource those who share cross-culturally)?
- ***Resources.*** With buildings and budgets taking our attention, we struggle to identify not only where God is already at work among us, but how He has already provided. We live, too often, from the perspective of scarcity and lack, rather than from abundance and opportunity. True blessing is in our relationship with Christ together. How does understanding blessing to be about relationship change your view of what God already provides?

## OPPORTUNITIES ALL AROUND US

- I see churches beginning to reflect the “every tribe, language, people and nation” scene of Revelation 5. Will we emphasize the fear of our differences or encourage each other to see how we share Christ together? How does this inform our mission?
- I hear churches beginning to talk more about multiplying . . . ministries and churches. Who are the people we miss in our very midst? Pray to the Lord of the harvest . . . (Matthew 9:35-38).

- How do we appropriately resource each other within the MBA? What would churches sharing vision, mission and resources (including pastors) look like? What is in our hand (Exodus 4:2), in our house (2 Kings 4:2), already provided by Jesus (Matthew 14; Mark 6; Luke 9; John 6)? Do we focus on the clay jar or the gospel treasure within (2 Corinthians 4)?
- How can we better utilize NAB resources like Intercessor, Onward, the short videos, the leadership book reviews twice/year, the [www.nabconference.org](http://www.nabconference.org) website, as well as the missional and formational resources (Ethos, Blue Ocean, Elevate, etc.)? How are we learning to model what it means to be a follower of Jesus?
- How do we help facilitate soul care (Matthew 11:28-30), beginning with our pastors?
- Have we considered developing people through the discipleship resources of VantagePoint3? -Will we champion the Kairos method of raising up trained leaders through the joint resources of Taylor and Sioux Falls Seminary?
- How can we continue to join in equipping, fellowship and mission through ministerial gatherings, retreats, our camps (Lake Nutimik and Wellman Lake) and other gatherings?

Which idea or suggestion helps you begin to move from where you are to join God in His good work in you?

Please contact us as to how we can come alongside you as we serve our Lord together. We are grateful for your suggestions, partnership and prayers.

Blessings!

Dr. Randy Jaspers

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## **MODERATOR AND REGIONAL LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORT**



“This is the day the Lord has made.” I sit here writing this report on a blistering hot day in Manitoba. Every day is a gift from God and today is not an exception. The question I ask myself is this, “Would I be saying the same things if my life were in some sort of difficulty or situation that seemed difficult to overcome?” I would like to think so, but, not being in such circumstances, my thoughts are merely speculative. I also have come to realize that as I grow older, things do not go as well because of physical limitations and the energy required to carry on. My mind is not as nimble as it once was and I tend to forget things. But, this is still the day the Lord has made!

Why do I say this today? It is because we find ourselves in much the same situation in the Manitoba Baptist Association. We are getting older and things do not come as easy anymore. Here are some things that our churches find themselves in that they may find difficult.

1. Churches looking for a pastoral transition or adding staff find that the average search time is now up to two years. Churches in such a transition have found that acquiring an intentional interim pastor helps tremendously. These intentional interims can help a congregation deal with issues and situations that can best be handled in the absence of a pastor.
2. We face aging leadership on both the pastoral level and the lay leadership level. A number of our pastors have come to the age where retirement is a real possibility in the next several years. In light of the above issue in point “a”, churches need to be prepared for such transition and change. In other leadership roles such as the MBA Executive and in individual churches. Leadership is also aging. This brings two serious questions to mind. Are we teaching leadership by example and mentoring? And, are we willing to move aside to allow younger leaders to take our places?
3. Some congregations have lost their way. They have forgotten that they exist for the purpose of the Kingdom of God and the sharing of

the Gospel. Maintenance never assures the perpetual existence of the church. Outreach and relationship does. This misunderstanding of the Scripture has led to conflict between pastors and congregations, conflict between church members and conflict in direction. A fresh look at God's word and a commitment to follow the thoughts found there will solve the issue of what will happen if new people come to our church and the change that will bring. If we believe that God knows what he is doing, then we will accept any new folks he sends with joy and anticipation.


Some of these questions and issues can make it difficult for us the remember that this is the day God has made. I do not want to sound negative but these issues are real and deserve careful consideration. There are however, many things to rejoice in and these things make it easier to rejoice in the day God has given.

1. Manitoba Baptist Association pastors have developed a very close relationship with each other that is extraordinary. These guys truly enjoy being together and have developed a friendship and support group that is without competition. The sharing and prayer times have always been special but they have taken on extra importance since the pastors have attended two seminars together in Gimli. The material from the "Authentic Leadership" has opened hearts to the Word and to each other. Many of you will be seeing the effect of these seminars in the coming days in your churches if you have not already done so.
2. Our new Regional Minister, Randy Jaspers, has been fitting in very well. He has been visiting our churches spending time with pastors and church boards. A bonus has been that Kristy, his wife, has been able to travel with him on occasion and pastor's wives have benefited from her presence and encouragement. We look forward to Randy sharing the closing message at this year's Conference as he shares some vision for the future of our Association.
3. The Regional Leadership Team, made up by representatives from both the MBA and the NCA, has met a number of times to be a sounding board for our Regional Minister and to give him guidance in his position. One of the things coming out of these meetings is the need for a conflict resolution team in both Associations. This will be established to support and protect our Regional Minister and to give him a way to share the burden of conflict in our churches as it may

arise.

4. The Manitoba Baptist Association Executive will continue to look at ways to support our pastors by seminars and retreats. We thank our churches for allowing the time for this personal growth and relationship building time away from the office. It is our prayer that such support from our churches continue in this matter.

Personally, I have and continue to enjoy the leadership role entrusted to me in both the MBA and the RLT. I thank God for the faithful fellow members God has provided to serve on the Executive. I not only consider them my co-workers but my friends. Thanks to each of you. I can truly say, "This is the day the Lord has made, I will rejoice and be glad in it."



"If the gospel is old news to you, it will  
be dull news to everyone else."

- Kevin DeYoung

## FINANCIAL REPORT

We budgeted for a loss for the year ended December 31, 2017 and we ended the year with a loss of \$8,911.00 on operations. We had a loss on the sale and transfer of the property at 1061 Ellice Avenue of \$135,052. This is a paper loss caused by the value that we “booked” into the bookkeeping system when we took possession of 1061 Ellice and the value we received when we sold the property. NO REAL CASH WAS LOST!

We budgeted for Church contributions amounting to \$80,000 and received a total of \$77,624.

All churches should budget at least two percent (2%) of their 2018 total giving income to the support of the MBA.

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 your support. The Association asks all member churches to donate at least 2% of your total income from your last fiscal year.

We will have additional expenses due to the continuing weakness of the Canadian dollar, we will have to ask our member churches for their allotment in full.

We have budgeted for a small surplus for 2019.

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 \$204,574. Please note that we moved some of the values from Long Term to Short Term in anticipation of the costs of supporting our member churches.

Our Women's Ministries is self-sustaining – not dependent on Association for support.

Both our budgeted revenue and expected expenses were lower than anticipated leaving us with a loss of \$8,911 vs the budgeted loss of \$7,867.

## CHURCH SUPPORT OF THE MBA

The Manitoba Baptist Association wants to thank all of the churches that supported the operations of the Association in 2017. Total giving by the supporting churches amounted to \$77,624.00 and again we thank all of the churches for the faithful support.

“Untold millions are still untold.”  
- John Wesley



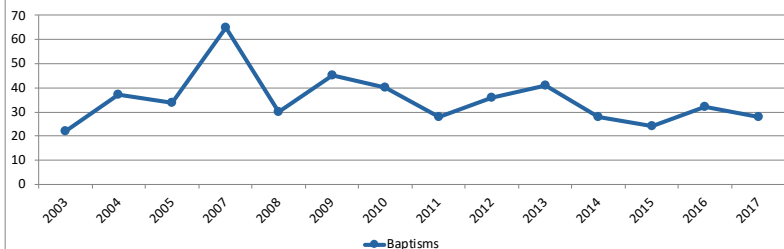
	2019 BUDGET	2018 BUDGET
<b>INCOME</b>		
Contributions by Churches	85,000.00	80,000.00
General Fund Offerings	100.00	100.00
Women's Ministries – MBWM	27,340.00	26,350.00
Youth Ministries – MBYM	3,500.00	3,500.00
Annual General Meeting	4,500.00	4,000.00
Pastor's Wives Retreat	2,500.00	2,500.00
Interest & Miscellaneous	4,000.00	4,000.00
Offerings for Designated Min.	1,000.00	1,000.00
Transfers from CIF & CBC Mortgage for Training & Support	30,000.00	25,000.00
<b>TOTAL MBA INCOME</b>	<b>\$157,940.00</b>	<b>\$146,450.00</b>
1061 Ellice		
Rental Income	-	-
<b>TOTAL 1061 ELLICE INCOME</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>COMBINED TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$157,940.00</b>	<b>\$146,450.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Regional Minister & Expenses	65,000.00	64,500.00
Donations to Other Charities	10,000.00	750.00
Program Com./AGM	4,500.00	4,000.00
Executive & Council Meetings	2,500.00	3,500.00
Office & General Expenses	2,500.00	7,500.00
Pastoral Support	15,000.00	15,000.00
Ministry Wives Retreat	2,500.00	2,500.00
Electronic Media (Website)	750.00	-
West End Alive	-	-
Church Planting Activities	15,000.00	15,000.00
Regional Leadership Team	3,000.00	3,000.00
Youth Ministries – MBYM	3,500.00	3,500.00
Women's Ministries – MBWM	27,340.00	26,350.00
Expended for Designated Min.	4,000.00	1,000.00
Pathway Camp Ministries	-	2,500.00
Professional Fees	2,000.00	3,500.00
<b>TOTAL MBA EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$157,590.00</b>	<b>\$152,600.00</b>
1061 Ellice Expenses		
Operational Expenses -	-	-
<b>TOTAL 1061 ELLICE EXPENSES</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>COMBINED TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>NET INCOME (EXPENSES)</b>	<b>\$350.00</b>	<b>-\$6,150.00</b>



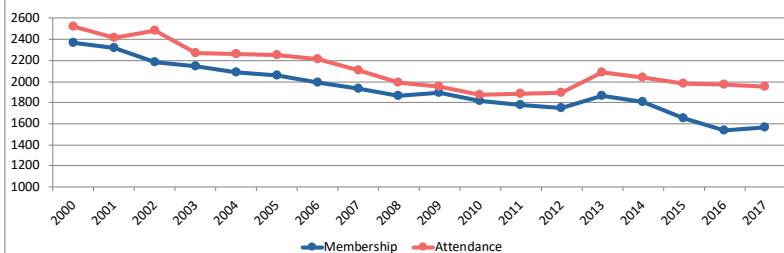
2018 TO 8/31 ACTUAL	2017 ACTUAL	2017 BUDGET	2016 BUDGET	2016 ACTUAL
44,874.00	77,624.00	82,283.00	77,623.00	59,242.00
2,400.00	5,000.00	100.00	100.00	-
16,205.00	22,601.00	22,000.00	22,000.00	23,462.00
-	-	-	-	3,235.00
135.00	3,740.00	4,000.00	30,000.00	4,198.00
-	2,750.00	2,500.00	1,000.00	3,700.00
-	6,226.00	4,000.00	2,000.00	6,331.00
2,450.00	3,555.00	1,000.00	4,800.00	630.00
-	-	45,000.00	4,000.00	-
\$66,064.00	121,496.00	\$160,883.00	\$141,523.00	\$100,798.00
-	23,237.00	34,500.00	34,500.00	35,712.00
-	23,237.00	\$34,500.00	\$34,500.00	\$35,712.00
\$66,064.00	144,733.00	\$195,383.00	\$176,023.00	\$136,510.00
33,461.00	50,226.00	64,500.00	61,272.00	62,064.00
-	4000	750.00	750.00	0.00
349.00	5,106.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	2,881.00
57.00	1,172.00	3,500.00	4,500.00	933.00
282.00	2,012.00	7,500.00	8,500.00	5,156.00
12,899.00	23,218.00	4,000.00	3,000.00	2,278.00
-	-	2,500.00	2,000.00	1,481.00
273.00	1,055.00	-	-	-
-	-	-	30,000.00	18,000.00
-	-	45,000.00	2,000.00	-
2,245.00	15,212.00	3,000.00	-	2,534.00
-	1,596.00	3,500.00	-	3,725.00
18,655.00	21,570.00	22,500.00	22,000.00	16,595.00
-	2,598.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-
-	-	3,500.00	7,000.00	-
2,034.00	2,542.00	3,500.00	-	2,862.00
\$77,255.00	\$130,407.00	\$168,750.00	\$146,022.00	\$118,509.00
-	\$158,289.00	29,334.00	29,000.00	34,434.00
-	\$158,289.00	\$29,334.00	\$29,000.00	\$34,434.00
-	\$288,696.00	\$198,084.00	\$175,022.00	\$152,943.00
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## ASSOCIATION STATISTICS 2017

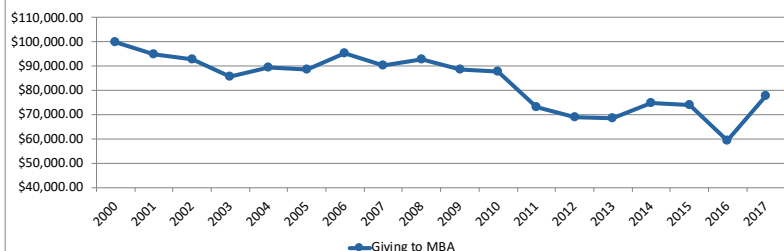
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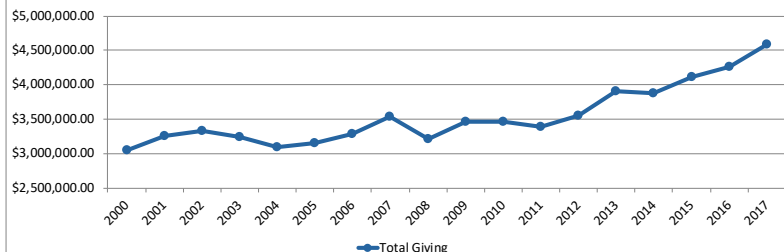
### MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE



### GIVING TO THE MBA



### TOTAL CHURCH GIVING



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY REPORT

Our Women's Retreat at Elkhorn was, once again, a highlight for this past year. We had full capacity attendance; an inspiring speaker: Jodie Kozan; worshipful prayer and praise times with Joan Vander Linde; excellent meals and fellowship times. Out Retreat committee of: Grace Elke (interim coordinator), Shirley Wynne, Evelyn Bredin, Judy Hart, Perla Turner, Helen O'Neill, Leanne McKay and Rhea Jenkinson, continues to carefully and prayerfully tend to all of the details in planning and carrying out a successful retreat where women can come and be refreshed and recharged to return to their communities with a stronger passion for serving God. Thank you, MBA for ensuring the website and online registration is available for the Women's Ministries' Retreat at Elkhorn. We continue to offer 2 free registrations to the retreat which are assigned to a MBA church on an alphabetically rotating basis. Oakbank Baptist Church was the recipient of the free registrations in 2018 and Rowandale will receive the 2 free registrations in 2019. We also offer financial assistance for registration to women in need, whose church is unable to provide assistance.

The partnership opportunities we have locally and globally through our Outreach projects, listed in the financial report, allow us to expand our perspective of God's Kingdom at work. We thank our ladies for their continued stewardship awareness and generosity in supporting our Outreach projects.

We want to encourage and commend the events that our women's groups carry out in their own communities, such as the Susie Larson conference in Oakbank on March 10th. When women hear the truths of God's Word communicated through the voices of other women – strong connections and friendships are built along with spiritual growth. So whether it is a large planned event or a one-on-one coffee outing, God can use these opportunities to share His gospel message.

We thank Waverley Baptist church in Winnipeg for hosting the Women's Ministry luncheon last fall and Christine Penner for sharing her faith story.

Many thanks to our faithful WM leadership team:

- Rita Mueller – secretary
- Evelyn Bredin – treasurer

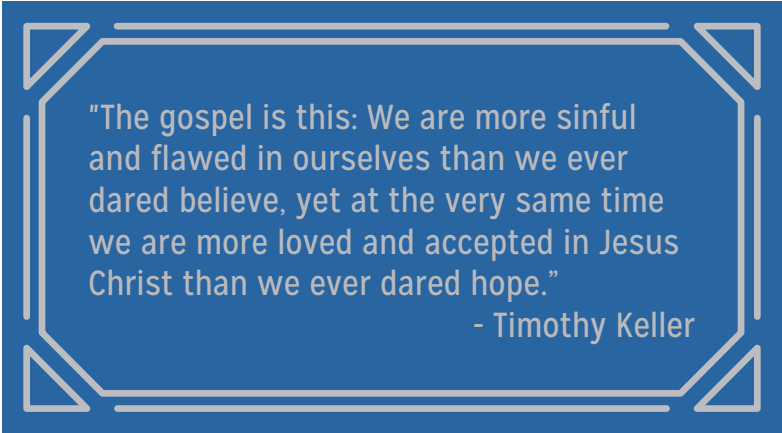
- Rhonda Keppler – Missions Co-ordinator
- Members at Large:
  - Grace Elke
  - Dorothy DeVries
  - Beth Gust
  - Rose Vincze

Beth will be leaving our leadership team as they move to BC and Judy Hart will be joining our leadership team as the new retreat coordinator.

Please prayerfully consider joining the MBA WM 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.

Respectfully submitted,  
Daphne Keck,  
Coordinator MBA WM



"The gospel is this: We are more sinful and flawed in ourselves than we ever dared believe, yet at the very same time we are more loved and accepted in Jesus Christ than we ever dared hope."

- Timothy Keller

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY BUDGET 2019

CATEGORY/DESCRIPTION	2018 BUDGET	2019 BUDGET
<b>OUTREACH MINISTRIES</b>		
Mayette Ativo-Bueno - Philippines	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Lake Nutimik - staff scholarship	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
NAB conference WM	\$500.00	\$500.00
Wellman Lake Bible Camp	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Women's retreat sponsorship	\$500.00	\$540.00
<b>Total outreach ministries</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,040.00</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE</b>		
Miscellaneous	\$50.00	\$50.00
Postage/stationery	\$50.00	\$50.00
Travel	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
<b>Total executive</b>	<b>\$1,100.00</b>	<b>\$1,100.00</b>
<b>LEADERSHIP</b>		
Appreciation for church women leaders	\$250.00	\$200.00
<b>Total leadership</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>MBA WM AGM</b>		
Speaker honourarium/travel	\$350.00	\$350.00
Miscellaneous	\$50.00	\$50.00
<b>Total MBA WM AGM</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>	<b>\$400.00</b>
<b>RETREAT</b>		
All workshops (honorariums/expenses)	\$200.00	\$200.00
Venue	\$14,000.00	\$15,000.00
Speaker (travel, accommodations, honorarium, meals)	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Worship (honorarium, travel, meals, accommodations, equip, Etc.)	\$900.00	\$900.00
Special touches	\$750.00	\$750.00
Team meetings (travel/conference calls)	\$800.00	\$800.00
Publicity/promotion (reg. forms, postage, etc.)	\$300.00	\$300.00
Miscellaneous	\$150.00	\$150.00
<b>Total retreat</b>	<b>\$20,600.00</b>	<b>\$21,600.00</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$26,350.00</b>	<b>\$27,340.00</b>

## CAMP NUTIMIK REPORT

Greetings from Lake Nutimik Baptist Camp Inc. o/a Camp Nutimik

This year has again been one that has seen many changes at Camp Nutimik beginning in January as Peter & Darlene Bergs made the decision to leave after having served for some seven years at Camp. The Lord answered our prayer for a new Facilities & Operations Manager and Food Services and Hospitality Manager as Geoffrey & Angela Lott took on those positions in May. Peter and Darlene have moved on to a larger camp ministry in Ontario and physically left Camp Nutimik at the end of June, 2018.

One of the highlights of the pre-summer season was our annual Camp Nutimik Foundation banquet which featured Pinball Clemons as our guest speaker. The funds raised from this fundraising banquet exceeded our expectations as God's people generously gave to the ministry of Camp Nutimik. We look forward to our 2019 banquet which will be held on March 2, 2019. We are hoping to have Devon Clunis as our guest speaker for this event.

We have had a great summer of camp ministry as we had 355 campers attend thirteen camp offerings. Of these campers 59% indicate some connection to a church. How amazing it was to experience the joy of a camper having her own Bible and the youngster who held a Bible for the first time in his life! We recorded 26 first time or rededication commitments and our camper evaluations showed that 210 of the 355 campers showed evidence of spiritual growth during the week that they attended camp.

This summer we had a total of 46 campers who were a part of our STEPS Leadership camps with many of these young leaders then continuing on after their camp weeks to serve in various capacities at camp.

The Camp Nutimik Foundation is busily preparing for our first Gala event which will be happening on October 26, 2018 at the Human Rights Museum in Winnipeg.

Thank you for standing with us in prayer as we reach children for Christ, facilitate growing disciples and as we strategically develop young leaders for service in the church.

Respectfully submitted  
Wayne Eisbrenner - Executive Director

## MEADOWOOD MANOR CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

*I will sing of the LORD's unfailing love forever! Young and old will hear of your faithfulness. Your unfailing love will last forever. Your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens." Psalm 89:1-2 NLT*

We have so much to sing about as we think of God's unfailing love and faithfulness to Meadowood Manor. This past year has been extra special as we stopped to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Meadowood!

God has honored the faith of that first group who met over 40 years ago with a desire to see a place like Meadowood established. What a great privilege we have to continue to carry on this legacy where God's love is shared with all those who enter the doors of Meadowood.

Darlene and I are thankful for the privilege we have of being a small part of seeing God's love and faithfulness shared with all those who are part of Meadowood.

A BIG THANK YOU to all of you; for all you do to make the Chaplaincy Ministry possible! For 40 years you have made sure that the residents and tenants are able to experience God's Love, God's Grace and God's Faithfulness.

Let me just highlight a few items that remind us of God's love and faithfulness:

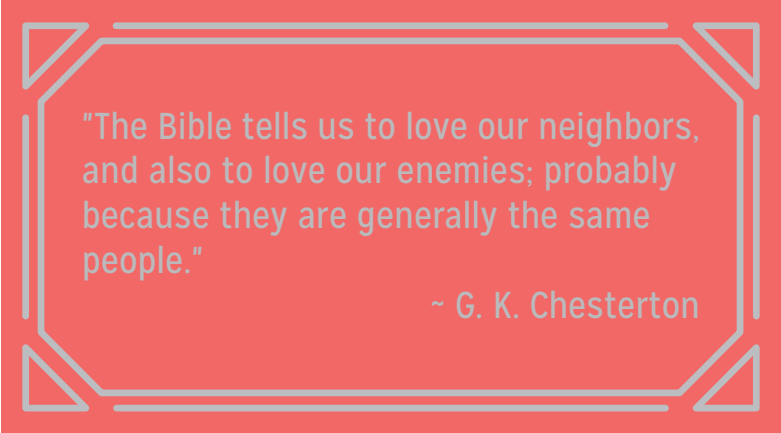
1. The Sunday Service has been an anchor for the Chaplaincy ministry. We continue to see the residents, tenants, families, and others come to be encouraged and challenged by the ministry in music provided by our faithful Churches, to hear and respond to God's Word. We have a good group of volunteers for the Sunday Service; who set up chairs, porter residents, help serve Communion, and encourage all who attend with their big smiles and greetings.
2. We continue to try to minister to families as their loved ones struggle with health and other issues. We try to visit in the hospitals when the loved ones are there and when asked to visit family members who are in the hospital. We also try to be there to comfort and support

the families as their loved ones face death. I am able to be involved in many of the funerals. As well we continue to have a Memorial service every other month to remember all those who have passed away and encourage the families one more time.

3. We are able to celebrate special events during the year, such as: Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Remembrance Day Service, and much more.
4. Our 10th floor Bible Study for the Tenants continues and we are so thankful for the positive response of those who come.

There are many other things we could share; but this is just a short list of how God's Love & Faithfulness is experienced everyday at Meadowood. A Big Thanks again for you as an Association and Churches who make it possible.

Chaplain Dave (and Darlene) Holland



"The Bible tells us to love our neighbors, and also to love our enemies; probably because they are generally the same people."

~ G. K. Chesterton

## MEADOWOOD MANOR FOUNDATION REPORT

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Meadowood Manor Foundation Inc. is a Manitoba non-profit, charitable corporation whose purpose is fundraising in support of Meadowood Manor. As at the writing of this report, the following are presently serving on the Foundation's Board of Directors: Ed Bergstresser (Emmanuel), Allan Donald (Whyte Ridge), John Giesbrecht (Whyte Ridge), Helga Kahler (Rowandale), Edith Matychuk (Rowandale) and Norman Piel (Whyte Ridge). In addition, the Foundation Board is assisted by its part-time Foundation Administrator, Ferne Thiessen.

### **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 full-time 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 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 21, 2017); Bellissima Sera (Beautiful Evening) at DeLuca's Cooking Studio & Banquet Centre (February 10, 2018); and the Annual Fund Raising Dinner (May 31, 2018).
- During the past year, the Foundation provided funding to Meadowood Manor for the following Special Projects:
  - Personal Care Home (PCH) Courtyard Enhancements
  - New Apartment Tower Friendship Room Sound System
  - New Defibrillator
  - New Apartment Tower Entry Intercom System with Security Cameras
- In addition, the Foundation has approved the funding of the following additional completed and upcoming Special Projects:
  - New motorized Blinds for the Meadowood Manor Chapel
  - New Chapel Platform Chairs
  - New Furniture for the Lobby in front of the administration offices
  - New PCH 1st & 2nd Floor Hallway Chairs & Lounge Tables

The Foundation receives donations in support of the Chaplaincy Program through the weekly Sunday worship services, donations from the supporting Churches, memorial donations, its fund raising events, corporate donations, Estates and miscellaneous donations. The Foundation receives donations for Special Projects through its fund raising events, corporate donations and miscellaneous donations.

We sincerely thank all our donors, and all our supporters within the Manitoba Baptist Association, for their continued and faithful generosity in allowing our Foundation through its funding of the Chaplaincy Program and Special Projects to exhibit Jesus Christ's love, care, compassion and support for all the precious seniors that live in both the Personal Care Home and the Apartment Tower at Meadowood Manor.

Norman Piel, President & Board Chair  
on behalf of the Board of Directors of Meadowood Manor Foundation Inc.



### Latest Taylor News

#### 2018-2019 Academic Year

The 2018-2019 academic year at Taylor Seminary is just beginning. We thank God for solid fall enrollment and a great group of new students who are joining us as they prepare to be developed to make a difference in the world. Renovations for classrooms and Stencil Hall are complete. Changes are allowing us to better serve our students and others. New flexible, modern seating and technology upgrades are making these spaces more useful.



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## A Renewed Vision for Theological Education



We are excited about the opportunities that God has given Taylor Seminary to participate in a renewed vision in theological education. One such opportunity is a partnership between us and Sioux Falls Seminary. The partnership first began with a focus on online education, faculty development, and global theological education. Over the past few years, our work together has deepened significantly and resulted in the integration of some systems, operational functions, and academic programming.

#### Common Vision

Our partnership is centered on the shared belief that theological education should be a system in which multiple partners participate in the holistic development of individuals. We also believe that seminaries, denominations, and local churches should work together to build innovative models of theological education that are affordable, accessible, and relevant—all while remaining faithful to the unshakeable truth of God's Word and the transformational essence of theological education.

#### Looking Toward the Future

Working together more fully meets the demands of our vision for theological education. Our boards, faculty, administration, and staff are each playing important roles in discerning how best to bring this vision to reality. One of the ways that we are working to renew the focus of theological education within the North American Baptist Conference is by exploring the level of interest in Canada for the Kairos Project, a reimagined approach to theological education developed by Sioux Falls Seminary in 2014. As a result, we are working together to recruit new students for the Kairos Project and are planning a second Kairos intensive gathering, which is a week-long modular course, in Edmonton in January 2019. Other collaboration includes thinking creatively about student services and enhancing online learning platforms.

The history and mission of both Taylor Seminary and Sioux Falls Seminary are essential and are preserved through our work. The storied history of each institution is shaping the next chapter, one that is marked by service to the North American Baptist Conference, the wider Church, and those that God is calling to participate in his Kingdom mission.

(more on the back)

## A Renewed Vision (continued)

### What is the nature and extent of collaboration?

We and Sioux Falls Seminary plan to work collaboratively to reduce the cost of providing theological education and to enhance the work of each school. No merger is planned. Rather, we are seeking to find ways in which we can work together in a more integrated and intentional way.

### What are the benefits of working together?

The benefits extend into every area of mission and ministry at each school. Already, student learning has been enhanced because students now have nearly twice as many educational resources and opportunities. Working together has also resulted in better stewardship of resources and is providing context-based theological education that doesn't require students to travel across the border.

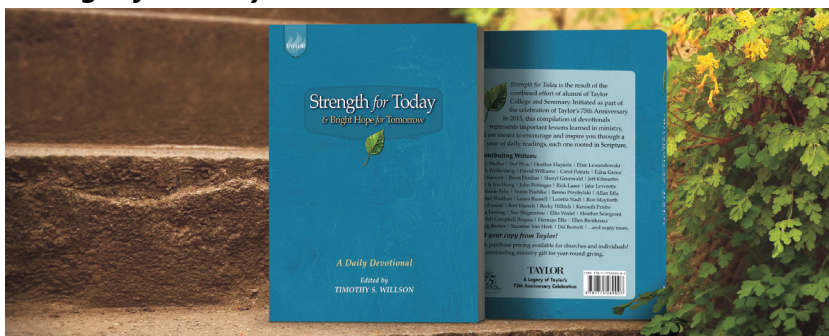
### What has led to the desire to partner?

The partnership is driven by a clear sense of purpose and mission. Working together benefits both institutions and is helping each of us best use the resources God has provided as we steward those resources more effectively.

### How might the partnership evolve over time?

As we continue to follow the leading of the Spirit, we learn more about the future God has in store for this partnership. One thing we know is that it will evolve over time. After two years of work, we have taken great steps forward. We are committed to a process of mutual discernment in which we provide space for the Spirit to guide each step forward—a process in which both Taylor Seminary and Sioux Falls Seminary boards, faculty, administration, and staff play a role. Pray for God's continued work in and through our partnership with Sioux Falls Seminary.

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## CHURCH INVESTORS FUND: WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?



Well, I always think of my neighbour as the person living close to me, which consists of my family, and the people who live in my neighbourhood. Now, it is easy for me to establish a good relationship with my family, but not so easy with the strange people who live in my neighbourhood! Did I call them strange? Sorry, they probably think I am the strange one!

See, the thing is, I live in a very multicultural neighbourhood; I have neighbours who are Asian, Indian, Latino, African-American and many others. Even though we say “Hi!” with a big smile when we see each other at the park, or when we are taking the trash containers outside to the curb on trash pickup day, there is no denying we all are afraid to get a little closer and start a conversation. Could it be the language barrier or the cultural differences? Or maybe it’s the way we look? We are so different, yet we have so much in common (I can spend some time sharing stories here) but I can say from my part, God has given me the opportunity to meet some of my neighbors, and boy, let me tell you, I love them! Don’t get me started with the talking, because I can talk! Language for me is not a problem; I can find a way to have a conversation with almost anybody... sometimes a little too much conversation.

Although having a conversation is easy, how about loving our neighbours unconditionally? That’s a challenge because others don’t always do things the way I do. They don’t take care of their front yard, and their dog is always pooping in my yard. And what’s with their driving? Can’t they see there are kids playing outside? And it’s not even a through street, people! (Sorry, a little drama here). Anyway, serious talk, something I really do for my neighbours (other than be forgiving) and it might be strange for some, is that I pray for them. Really, it never gets old, I do not pray for God to change them and their ways, but to change me and the way I relate to them. To see them the way God sees them and to love them the way He loves them. And God has answered many times. Over the years I have been invited to pray, counsel, comfort, and even do some cooking with some of my now friends! Through prayer God has opened the door for me to share of his love!

Who is your neighbour, and how are you showing the love of Christ to your neighbour?

“Love your neighbour as yourself” Matthew 22:39

**Report from the Executive Director  
North American Baptist Conference  
Fall 2018**

**Greetings and Blessings**

Greetings from the North American Baptist Conference and the staff of the International Office in Roseville, California. It is such a blessing to walk together in communion with a good and merciful God who allows us more and more to be formed by His Spirit. Like the psalmist, NAB churches and leaders can in unison proclaim, “Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him” (Psalm 34:8 NIV).

Let me focus your attention on some important happenings in the life of our conference:

**Triennial**

The NAB 2018 Triennial Conference gathered in Edmonton, Alberta, this past July 26–29 for worship, encouragement, inspiration, training, and business. As you know, the NAB family gathers every three years as a wonderful collective of pastors, missionaries, and church and conference leaders to remember our mandate to make disciples of Jesus Christ in Canada, the United States, and around the world. Every three years, the NAB family commits to travel and meet for times of dynamic worship, biblically based messages, practical instruction, meaningful fellowship, and important governance decisions. This recent Triennial was no exception.

The plenary sessions were held at Shaw Conference Centre, with its excellent meeting spaces and inspiring views of the North Saskatchewan River Valley. Those who attended heard not only from conference leaders, but from Bible teachers and speakers like Rev. Dr. Don Davis, executive director of The Urban Ministry Institute; Dr. Barry Jones, professor of Pastoral Ministries at Dallas Theological Seminary; Mark Buchanan, associate professor of Pastoral Theology at Ambrose Seminary; and Stephanie Fast, author and an inspiring communicator. The Triennial messages were recorded, and the videos are available for download on the NAB website ([www.nabconference.org](http://www.nabconference.org)).

Some of the most moving times of Triennial occurred in our experience of worship to God as a community of faithful followers. The worship band from Central Baptist Church in Edmonton clearly pointed our hearts and minds toward adoration and praise of our great God. All who attended found wonderful opportunities for fellowship during worship, at two all-conference receptions, at a special picnic, and while interacting in the exhibit booth area.

During the formal NAB business meeting, Dr. Harry Kelm, then NAB moderator, led the delegates through the approval of a revised NAB Constitution (available on the NAB website) and the celebration of what is happening in the NAB through the sharing of reports from various conference and partner organization leaders.

### **Missionary Sending and Supporting**

The North American Baptist Conference continues to seek out, recruit, and fundraise for a number of new missionaries to serve God around the world on behalf of NAB churches. Please continue to pray for Dr. Rev. Brandon and Marci Jones, who are in the last stages of fundraising prior to being sent as NAB missionaries to Brazil. Brandon will especially use his gifts and abilities in the theological education of pastors and evangelists, and the entire Jones family will serve the church in Brazil as it seeks to witness the reality of our Lord Jesus Christ to the people of that nation.

Please continue to pray for all of our NAB missionaries serving as ambassadors of the Gospel around the world.

### **International Mission Department**

At the end of May 2018, Rev. Norm Poehlke completed his service as the vice president of Ministry Outreach at the NAB International Office. At Triennial, we as the NAB family celebrated Norm's near decade of excellent leadership. Since that time, Rev. Kerry Bender has been hired as the interim vice president of International Missions, significantly helping us through leading and coordinating the recruiting, sending, and caring of NAB international missionaries. Over the next months, a search process will ensue to discern God's voice in filling the significant role of leading the International Missions Department.

### **Church Planting**

Stu Streeter has jumped into the role as the vice president of Church Planting in the last months. As a leadership team, we have been praying, discerning, and planning for some years on how to create and sustain a church-planting movement within North America. It seems evident that many neighborhoods, communities, and cities need a vibrant witness in their midst. Church multiplication and church planting provide a means for new churches to reach into these neighborhoods, communities, and cities with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If you sense God tugging on your heart to see your church multiply or new churches planted, contact Stu at [sstreeter@nabconf.org](mailto:sstreeter@nabconf.org).

### **Missional/Formational Initiatives**

Over the last number of years, Dr. Cam Roxburgh has provided energy in training leaders to embrace missional practices for their local church contexts. Through events called Blue Ocean and Ethos, hundreds of leaders have understood more deeply what it

means to make disciples who follow a missionary God on His mission to reconcile a fallen humanity to Himself through the person and work of Jesus Christ. At the same time, Rev. Kent Carlson has been working with pastors and younger leaders to understand what it means to be truly formed into the image of Jesus Christ.

### **So Much More**

Reports like these seem so inadequate for truly communicating the wide scope of ministry that is happening in and through the NAB family of churches. Whether through our missionaries, our leaders, the Women's Ministry Leadership Team, the Youth Ministry Leadership Team, the Heritage Commission, our chaplains, or the various departments of our International Office, there is so much good ministry occurring. Please connect to us through our website or give our communications team a call to sign up for the various communication streams that will help you know more and pray more effectively for the NAB.

### **Thank You**

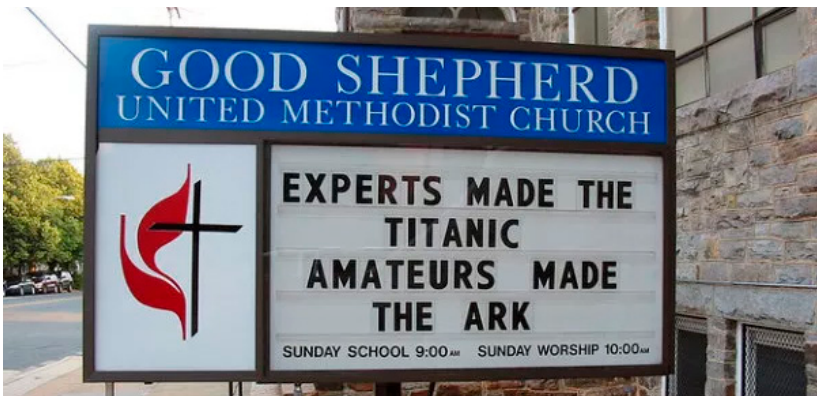
Thank you for your prayers and encouragement for the leadership of the International Office over the last months. As the Executive Director, can I serve you more directly or specifically? Please reach out to me at [dhamil@nabconf.org](mailto:dhamil@nabconf.org).

In His overwhelming grace and peace,



Dr. Rev. Dan Hamil  
Executive Director  
North American Baptist Conference

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