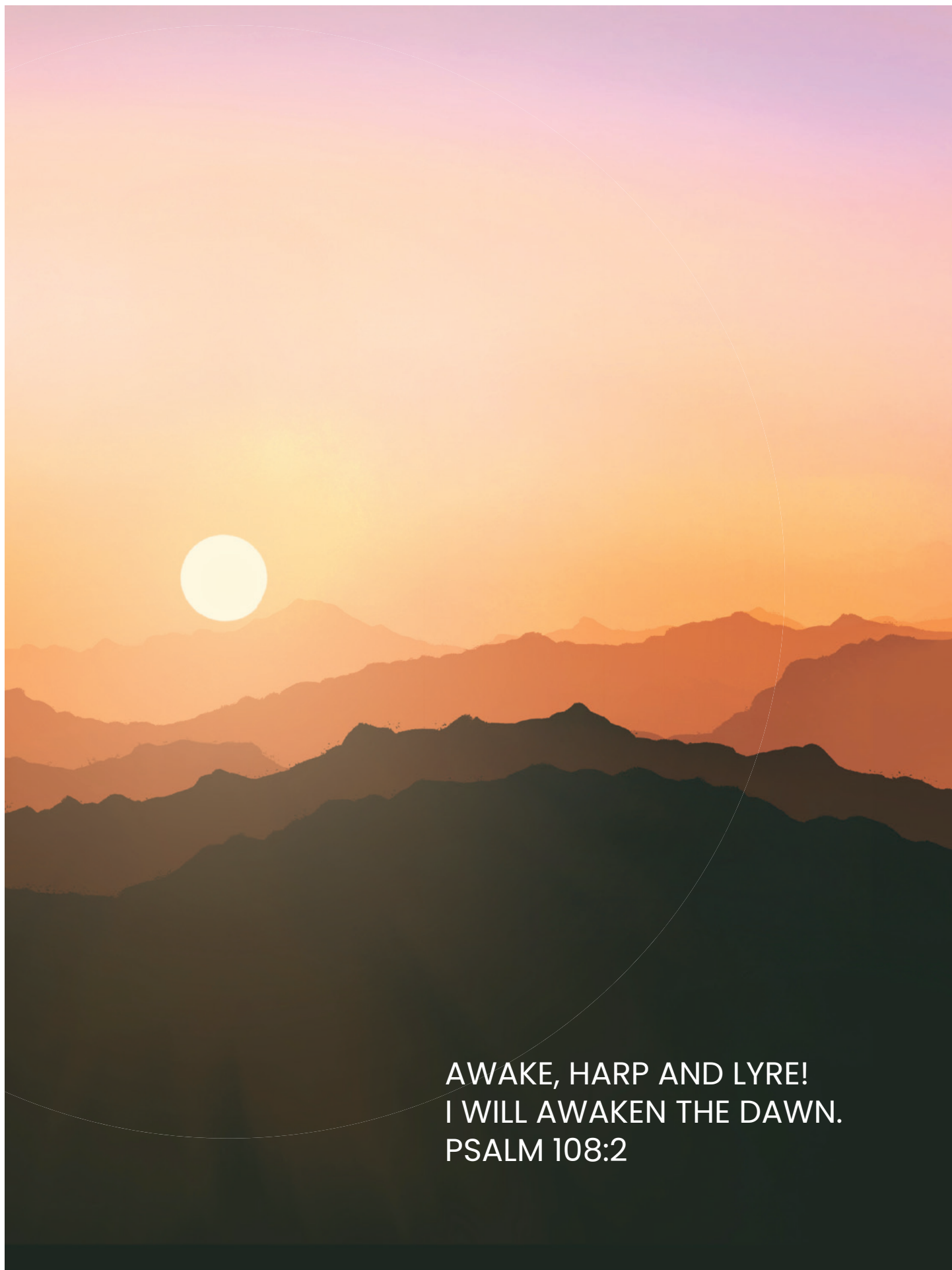


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# **Business Meeting Agenda 2021**

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

**Seating of Delegates**

**Minutes of the November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 AGM and May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Special Session.**

**Business arising from the Minutes**

**Presentation of the 2022 Budget**

**Reports –**

- Moderators Report
- Regional Ministers Report

**Motion to Approve the Actions of the Executive in 2020**

**Nomination of Directors and Officers for 2021**

**Election of Directors and Officers**

**Other Business**

**Next Meeting –**

- Special General Session – May 2022
- Annual General Meeting – October 2022

**Closing Prayer**



# Call To Order & Seating Of The Delegates

CHURCH	ELIGIBLE	ELIGIBLE PASTORS	PRESENT
Abundant Life	4	1	
Elim, Beausejour	3	1	
Emmanuel, Morris	4	1	
First, Minitonas	6	1	
Fort Richmond	3	1	
Grace, Ochre River	6	2	
Little Woody, Swan River	3	0	
McDermot Avenue	7	2	
Mission	5	1	
Moosehorn, Moosehorn	3	1	
New Life Ministries	3	1	
Oakbank, Oakbank	4	1	
Rowandale	7	2	
Temple, Swan River	6	1	
Waverley	6	4	
Whiteshell, Seven Sisters	3	1	
Whyte Ridge	7	4	
Manitoba Baptist Home Society	0	1	
Meadowood Manor Foundation	1	0	
Lake Nutimik Baptist Camp	1	0	
Camp Nutimik Foundation	1	0	
Waters Edge Bible Camp	1	0	
Regional Minister	1	0	
Executive	4	0	
TOTAL	91	23	

# 2019 MBA Officers & Terms

OFFICE	2021 AGM	TERM	2020 AGM	TERM	2019 AGM	TERM
moderator	Barry Thiessen	0	Barry Thiessen	1	Barry Thiessen	2
secretary	Brad Quiring	1	Brad Quiring	2	Brad Quiring	3
treasurer	Al Donald	2	Al Donald	3	Al Donald	1
women's rep.	Daphne Keck	0	Daphne Keck	1	Daphne Keck	1
at large	Alvina Moir	2	Alvina Moir	3	Vacant	1
at large	Kevin Lariviere	1	Kevin Lariviere	2	Kevin Lariviere	3
at large	Andrew Grauman	0	Andrew Grauman	1	Andrew Grauman	2
at large	Steve Pearson	2	Steve Pearson	3	Steve Pearson	1



# 2020 AGM Minutes

## **Manitoba Baptist Association Annual Business Meeting**

**November 2, 2020**

**Via ZOOM**

### **1. Welcome and Opening Prayer**

**2. Seating of Delegates** – 107 delegates present via ZOOM. A quorum has been declared.

### **3. Minutes of the October 19th, 2019 AGM**

**MOTION 1.** MOVED Brad Quiring SECONDED Norm Piel that the minutes of the 2019 Manitoba Baptist Association Annual Business Meeting be accepted as presented. CARRIED

### **4. Business arising from the Minutes**

#### **A. Seminary Scholarship – Barry Thiessen**

- The scholarship is open to Kairos students at either Taylor Seminary or Sioux Falls Seminary
- Students can apply for up to two years and reapply for a third year of funding if required
- Applications are being accepted
- QUESTION: (Terry Janke) To whom is the application sent? A formal letter of application

is sent to the MBA Executive

- QUESTION: A question was made about the content of the Kairos program.

## **B. May 13, 2020 special session**

- There was no special session on May 13 due to Covid restrictions

## **5. Presentation of the 2021 Budget – Al Donald**

### **A. Financial Reports**

**MOTION 2:** MOVED Al Donald SECONDED Dale Hoffman that the Financial Reports be accepted as presented. CARRIED

### **B. 2021 Budget – Al Donald**

**MOTION 3:** MOVED Al Donald SECONDED Bruce Hollins that the 2021 Budget be accepted as presented. CARRIED

- Al Donald will send out the estimated contributions to the churches in the next month.

## **6. Reports**

### **A. Moderators Report – Barry Thiessen**

### **B. Regional Ministers Report – Randy Jaspers**

### **C. Camp Nutimik Report – Wayne EisBrenner**

### **D. Meadowood Foundation Report – Norm Piel**

**MOTION 4:** MOVED Terry Janke SECONDED Mark Stone that the reports be accepted as presented. CARRIED

## **7. Motion to Approve the Actions of the Executive in 2019**

**MOTION 5:** MOVED Dale Hoffman SECONDED Cheryl Liessens that the actions of the Executive be approved by the AGM. CARRIED

## **8. Nomination of Directors and Officers for 2020 Election of Directors and Officers.**

**MOTION 6:** MOVED Mark Stone SECONDED Daphne Keck that the AGM accept the acclamation of:

- Steve Pearson, Director at Large
- Allan Donald, Treasurer
- Daphne Keck, Women's Representative
- Alvina Moir, Director.

CARRIED

## **9. Other Business** - Discussion regarding realignment of Regional minister territory. Join with Saskatchewan? Go with a part-time Regional Minister just for Manitoba? Stay as we are? Join Saskatchewan, Manitoba and North Dakota with two RM's?



## COMMENTS/QUESTIONS:

- It seems to make sense that we have a someone that is more able to meet personally. Interprovincial travel seems to be easier than international.
- Is Saskatchewan on own or do they share? They have a .6 position.
- It seems to be better culturally to have an all-Canadian RM.
- The RM from Saskatchewan would like to retire soon.
- What would happen with Randy Jaspers, especially financially? It takes one year to dissolve the current arrangement. If there is a realignment of regions, 16 churches in South Dakota would possibly move in with North Dakota, which would effectively replace the 17 Manitoba churches.
- Would a new RM need to be from Saskatchewan or Manitoba, or can they come from anywhere?
- There are 13 churches in Saskatchewan
- The position of RM is a “high touch” ministry, is this one of the reasons?
- What do the pastors are saying?
- This doesn’t seem to be a major concern as Randy has provided good care and advice to date.
- Because of Covid, there has been greater contact with Randy than ever.
- There is a concern of changing an RM who has established a good relationship with some churches.
- ZOOM is not as much of an issue because Randy has worked on relationships before Covid.
- There would be a financial advantage to an all-Canadian RM.
- Randy’s gifts have been helpful for the leaders.
- Do we require the NABC’s approval on this? The NAB was not able to guarantee liability, therefore they turned over the RM’s to the associations. Officially, the associations have full responsibility.
- ULTIMATELY the MBA executive is looking for direction to pursue this further.

**ACTION:** The MBA Executive will continue to converse with the people involved.

## 10. Next Meeting

**A. Special General Session** – May 19th, 2021, Abundant Life Baptist Church

**B. Annual General Meeting** – October 15th & 16th, 2021, WhyteRidge Baptist Church

## 11. Closing Prayer

## 12. Adjournment



# **MBA Special General Meeting**

## **May 20, 2021**

**Special Meeting of the Manitoba Baptist Association**  
**May 20, 2021, 7:00PM**  
**Via Zoom**

**Welcome and Opening Prayer** - Barry Thiessen

**Seating of Delegates** 107 Delegates

**MOTION** – Moved by Allan Donald, seconded by Brad Quiring that Article 9 of the By-Laws be suspended for the purpose of amendments to Article 9. CARRIED

**MOTION** – Moved by Brad Quiring, seconded by Allan Donald that Article 9 of the Manitoba Baptist Association be amended as follows – CARRIED

**a) Frequency** – The Association shall meet at least once each calendar year for an Annual General Session, such meetings being at the call of the previous Annual General Session or the Executive Committee. (add) Annual General Sessions / Special General Sessions may be held in person or via Video Teleconference.

**b) Voting** – Each delegate registered to vote and present at an Annual General Session or a Special General Session shall be entitled to one vote. With the exception of matters for which these bylaws requires passage by Special Resolution, decisions at an Annual General Session or Special General

Session shall be made by Ordinary Resolution passed by the delegates.

**c) Proxy** – Each member church shall have the right to appoint one member and/or pastor to vote the full delegate count at any video teleconference session. Each church must pass a resolution of appointment and advise the MBA Executive of the name of the appointee/s, 24 hours before the scheduled start of the meeting.

## **QUESTIONS AND NOTES**

- Is the proxy vote intended to be allowed at every general meeting? Intent is for this meeting due to COVID issues.
- Will video conferencing be available for all meetings? It is being considered, certainly for the mid-year meeting.
- Right now the video conference format is the most convenient for a shorter general meeting like this.

**Presentation of the 2020 Financial Statement** – Moved by Allan Donald, seconded by Brad Quiring that the 2020 Financial Statement be approved as presented - CARRIED

**Annual General Meeting** – October 15th & 16th, 2021, WhyteRidge Baptist Church

**Closing Prayer**



# Regional Ministers Report

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ of the MBA,

The social, racial, political and physical uncertainty of our times continues. Media, organizations and individuals urge us to support various positions while discounting others, leading to increased polarization.

How do we live in such times? How do we lead in such times?

I am drawn to three identity words Paul uses in his letter from prison to a small church in a declining community, a people he knows only through a dear colleague. He reminds the Christ followers in Colossae that in/with Christ there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all. Colossians 3:11 Add your descriptor . . . or the one you are asked to use.

Paul is not saying that we cease to be those things, or even that they have no place. He does say that there is an identity that supersedes them all. Our identity in/with Christ.

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved . . . Colossians 3:12 Did you catch that? In God's eyes those who are in/with Christ are His chosen, holy and beloved ones.

What would happen if we looked at others (with Christ at the center) as God's chosen, holy and beloved ones? What would happen if we looked at ourselves that way? Paul tells us. Our character will

reflect that of Christ as we put Him on (3:12-14) and put to death/away/off the earthly character (3:5-10). Our relationships will reflect the rule of Christ's peace (3:15) and our words with others Christ's rich indwelling (3:16). Thankfulness will be evident.

That seems quite different from how we see each other (and the world sees us). Let's recognize both the body and the Head (2:19). Let's live out of and into our true identity with joy because of our Savior King. That's a life message others will notice as we share Jesus.

Praise God for His provision of pastors for Morris (Dave Purdy), Seven Sisters Falls (Craig Glen) and Minitonas (Kevin Trembley). Thank Him for those serving as interims: Bruce Hollins (Oakbank), Mark Woods (Beausejour) and Steve Black (Moosehorn). Pray for Oakbank, Moosehorn and Little Woody (Swan River) as they discern God's next shepherd for them. 2021 marked the first ever ordination council online. Congratulations, Steve Pearson (Ochre River)!

Check out the missional and formational discipling resources (including Bonfire) through the NAB Conference, as well as information on ethnic partnerships and international missions (<https://nabconference.org>). Consider signing up for the weekly NAB Update via email. We were able to "meet" virtually at the Triennial in July. Welcome, Dr. Harry Kelm, our new NAB Executive Director.

As we continue to use creative means to disciple, continue to give thanks for your pastors and boards. Share your appreciation with them. They value your encouragement. Talk together about the opportunities and possibilities God has granted in this unique time. Try some new approaches to share the unchanging Word. How can you partner with other MBA and NAB ministries?

Thank you to all who serve and lead us on the MBA Executive and to webmaster Mark Henkelman: <https://npreigion.org>. Thank you for your support of the ministries and people who minister through Camp Nutimik, Waters Edge and Meadowood Manor.

Thank you for your willingness to walk with Christ where He leads, including giving and serving through your local church. Thank you for your prayers for Kristy and me.

Blessings!  
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# Moderator's Report

*Because of the LORD's great love, we are not consumed,  
for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness. Lamentations 3: 22, 23*

We seem to be coming to the end of some very unprecedented times in the life of our nation and as a consequence the life of the church. Seventeen plus months where worship and fellowship has been forced to be different has caused many to long for some kind of human interaction. Yet, on the spiritual side, nothing has changed. In light of the verses, I have written above, let me list a few things that have not changed. They have not changed because God is a God of relationship. If we focus on “doing,” and not on relationship, then we have had a very difficult time over this period of time.

- God does not change so his love is steadfast and sure
- God does not treat us according to what we deserve. (Romans 6:23 tells us that the wages of sin are death)
- God is compassionate, having feelings for his children
- These compassionate feelings never fail
- God's feelings for his children are renewed every morning. It is as if God reminds himself of his love and compassion for his children
- God is faithful in his actions, feelings and thoughts.

Personally, I have experienced this faithfulness over and over again. Before pandemic, life was busy and I found little time for interaction with neighbours. As people began to show more and more desire to interact with others because of the restrictions, the over the fence conversations have been increasing in number and depth. I have seen serious interaction about serious topics. This has come to the point where we have had neighbours into our home and has left us wondering what is God's plan for these relationships. Ferne and I have certainly found God's faithfulness and compassion in many new and exciting ways during this time. I trust that you to have found this to be true.

Many of our regular activities in the MBA have had to be cancelled this past year. This has been difficult in some ways but it has also caused some serious thinking. What is the kernel that is most essential? Why are we doing what we do? Is this what God wants us to be doing? Are there things that we are doing that are just remnants from past activities that have outlived their usefulness? What needs to continue to happen in order to bring our churches into health? What should our emphasis be in the coming days that will enhance the ministry of our pastors and churches in the communities in which they minister?

I have come to the conclusion that there are some things that need to continue. The Pastor's Retreats that we have held and sponsored at Gimli have been well-received and have been precious times of fellowship and teaching for our pastors. The challenges to our pastors have been real and moving. The depth of sharing and fellowship has been unprecedented in my ministry experience. In our determination to create healthy pastors and churches we will be continuing this. Please pray for our pastors as we meet, once again in Gimli, on October 26 – 28. You can support your pastor(s) by making sure they have reduced or lessened work loads for that week and that their cost of travelling to Gimli and return is covered.

We also want to continue to support churches in special ways who are doing something to reach out into their communities. Each church has this opportunity and can apply for special support for such a ministry. While there are many options, careful evaluation will be given to each request with the final decision made by the Executive. An example of this would be the community center and ministry to children created by Grace Baptist Church, Ochre River. This ministry continues to impact the community and was in part sponsored by the MBA.

What has dropped? We have come to the conclusion that Churches need to plant churches. Associations can do so but the need for "buy-in" does not seem to happen when Associations take the lead. We would like to see our churches move into a church-plant mind set. We are prepared to help them plant when they are prepared to do so. At present, we have several churches who have the size and ability to plant. The barrier is the will. It seems that the issue is that there are things that need finishing or certain stages or goals to be met before this becomes a serious thought. This bothers me. If, as parents, we had the same thought process, we would never have had children. It would have seemed that there were always some goal or level to be reached before having children. What we discovered as parents was that when they arrived, God supplied. The same is true of church planting. If you plant in God's vineyard, you will find that God supplies the finances, the workers and the right attitude. I am sorry if I sound harsh here. That is not my intent. It is just that I have heard far too many times the following statement, "When we reach so many people or such a financial reserve, we will think about church planting." The reserve is never met or the attendance never grows to that point and the opportunity is passed over. God is faithful. He knows our needs. God's work done in God's way never lacks God's support. Go for it! This is my challenge to you.

In last year's report I attempted to encourage you to use the pandemic time to review and renew. Ministries needed to be reviewed. Was this the best use of staff, resources and was this the best method of reaching our community or making disciples? Some of you took that as a challenge and have very successfully evaluated, changed and encouraged one another. We will be hearing two such stories during the course of our Annual General Meeting. On the other hand, I was disappointed by those leadership teams who simply expressed a desire for the pandemic to be over so that they could go back to doing what they were doing before. The challenge is still valid. This is a great time to evaluate your ministries and practices against the goals and mission of your congregations. If we want our churches to grow, it is not sufficient to simply go back to what has always happened. Serious evaluation could indicate serious change. Go for it. God is with you.

On another note altogether, the Regional Leadership Team has had a tough year. The closing of the border between Canada and the USA has created huge difficulties for the ministry of the Regional Minister. Zoom is OK, but lacks the intensity and clarity of live meetings. Let's face it. Everyone is getting tired of "zoom" and is looking for live interaction. As I am writing this report, we have been trying to schedule our RM for several visits this fall. Churches in transition, those who have specific needs and those who just may need a little extra help will be those who are visited first. This is not an indication of your status or health. It is simply an indication of the stages we all go through in ministry. This cross-border issue has also caused some thoughts to be expressed concerning long-term relationships and coverage. Some questions are being asked that may begin to clarify relationships and be the start of a more serious discussion in the future. Our new Executive Director, Harry Kelm, is here to begin to help answer some of the early questions and to clarify relationships. As things progress, if they do at all in this area, you will be kept informed and your input will be sought. We feel no one should be isolated in this if it comes to anything.

I hope that this report does not sound negative. We serve the Great God and live in times of great need. We have the answers for life's issues and problems. We have communities and neighbours to whom to give the answers. Jesus said, "Pray for the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into the harvest." The Lord will give the increase. I look forward to the increase as God is faithful and we relate to those God brings into our circles of influence. God bless you all.

Dr. Barry Thiessen  
Manitoba Baptist Association  
Moderator



# Treasurers Report 2021

Hello and welcome to the 2021 AGM. It's been two years since we have gathered thanks to Covid19. The pandemic has caused and continues to cause many changes and challenges for both our people and our churches. Who would have envisioned when we met in Morris that our Regional Minister would be unable to visit with us in person for 19 months? Who would have believed that "Streaming" would become the norm for our churches to reach their people?

This year's budget is based on last years budget, in fact it's almost identical. As you can see in the report that is part of this document, the only expenses that we have are those that are for the most part "fixed" and must be paid.

A special "Thank You" to all of our churches who have continued to support the Association through their continued giving.

Allan Donald  
Treasurer

# Budget Proposal 2022

	2022 Budget	2021 Budget	2021 to 8/31 Actual	2020 Actual
<b>INCOME</b>				
Contributions by churches	\$82,000.00	\$82,000.00	\$39,579.00	\$75,056.00
General Fund Offerings	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$-	
Women's Ministries – MBWM	\$24,600.00	\$24,600.00	\$300.00	\$3,025.00
Youth Ministries – MBYM		\$500.00	\$-	\$-
Annual General Meeting	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$-	
Transfer from CBC Mortgage	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00		
Interest & Miscellaneous	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.33	\$5,133.00
Offerings for Designated Ministries	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$-	
Transfers from CIF	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00		\$-
<b>Total MBA Income</b>	<b>\$138,700.00</b>	<b>\$139,200.00</b>	<b>\$39,879.33</b>	<b>\$83,214.00</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Regional Minister & Expenses	\$67,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$32,500.00	\$65,000.00
Church Growth Contributions	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00		\$4,000.00
Program Com./Annual General Mtg.	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00		
Executive & Council Meetings	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$79.55	\$766.00
Office & General Expenses	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$450.00	\$3,142.00
Pastoral Support	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00		
Electroninc Media (Website)	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$585.00	\$1,625.00
Church Planting / Support Activities	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00		\$-
Regional Leadership Team	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00		\$343.00
Youth Ministries – MBYM		\$3,500.00		
Women's Ministries – MBWM	\$24,600.00	\$24,600.00	\$1,050.00	
Expended for Designated Ministries				\$4,982.00
				\$-
Professional Fees	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,025.10	\$2,024.00
<b>Total Expenses – MBA Operations</b>	<b>\$143,600.00</b>	<b>\$145,100.00</b>	<b>\$36,689.65</b>	<b>\$81,882.00</b>

<b>Net Income (Expenses)</b>	<b>\$(4,900.00)</b>	<b>\$(5,900.00)</b>	<b>\$3,189.68</b>	<b>\$1,332.00</b>
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# Women's Ministry Report

For the second year in a row we had to cancel our April Women's Retreat at Elkhorn Resort due to Covid restrictions. The Retreat committee, headed by Judy Hart, has kept their speaker and plans on hold for a hoped for Retreat, April 22-24, 2022. The committee acknowledges that gathering size limitations would severely impact the financial viability of the Retreat. Little Woody will be the recipient of the 2 free registrations in 2022 since they were unable to utilize their free registrations in 2020 or 2021. We are eagerly looking forward to the resumption of our Retreat and the opportunity to reconnect and recharge as we fellowship and worship together. Thank you to our Retreat Committee: Judy Hart, Evelyn Bredin, Shirley Wynne, Grace Elke, Rhea Jenkinson, Helen O'Neill, Perla Turner and Flo Fried, for persevering with planning throughout these challenging times.

Our Women's AGM and luncheon was also unable to be held in person for the past 2 years. Our business was conducted via electronic means, including a Zoom meeting June 23, 2020 in which Jeff and Sonya Kilmartin shared highlights of their ministry in Cameroon/ Nigeria. The WM continues to provide \$1000 annual support to the Kilmartins. The remainder of our 2022 budget is included along with our financial statement.

Thank you, Mark Henkelman, for helping us update our WM section on the MBA website. The tasks we plan to carry out this year and in 2022 are listed in the attached document "Engage, Encourage, Equip" which can also be found online in the Resources for MBA.

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, Judy Hart and Rose Vincze

Welcome to our new Member At Large: Tiffany Pearson

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 one another.

Respectfully submitted,

Daphne Keck,  
Coordinator MBA WM

# Women's Ministry Budget 2022

CATEGORY/DESCRIPTION	2022 Budget	2021 Budget
<b>OUTREACH MINISTRIES</b>		
JEFF & SONYA KILMARTIN - Nigeria	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
WOMEN'S RETREAT SPONSORSHIP	\$550.00	\$520.00
<b>TOTAL OUTREACH MINISTRIES</b>	<b>\$1,550.00</b>	<b>\$1,520.00</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE</b>		
MISCELLANEOUS	\$50.00	\$50.00
POSTAGE/STATIONERY	\$50.00	\$50.00
TRAVEL	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXECUTIVE</b>	<b>\$600.00</b>	<b>\$1,100.00</b>
<b>LEADERSHIP</b>		
<b>TOTAL LEADERSHIP</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>MBA WM AGM</b>		
SPEAKER HONOURARIUM/TRAVEL	\$200.00	\$200.00
<b>TOTAL MBA WM AGM</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>RETREAT</b>		
All workshops (honorariums/expenses)	\$200.00	\$200.00
Venue	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
Speaker (travel, accommodations, honorarium, meals)	\$3,500.00	\$3,000.00
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	\$500.00
Miscellaneous	\$150.00	\$150.00
<b>Total retreat</b>	<b>\$21,300.00</b>	<b>\$21,300.00</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$23,650.00</b>	<b>\$24,120.00</b>



# **Camp Nutimik & Camp Nutimik Foundation Report**

While this past year has certainly presented its share of struggles, this has also been a season of blessings!

This past summer we welcomed 47 campers over four weeks of Day Camp while also running seven weeks of Family Camping with 20 family cabin rentals. The Day Camp program, run in Adventure Village, included classic summer camp activities like morning devotions, canoeing, fishing, archery, bush crafts, waterfront activities and an outdoor Chapel time. We were so inspired by the spiritual hunger of our campers which was most evident during devotions and Chapel times. Many of our campers were between the ages of 7-9 when we first encountered Covid, and we found them longing for relational interactions this summer. The gospel message was presented during each Day Camp week, and we were surprised to find that many campers had little Biblical understanding prior to their time at Camp. We were humbled by the opportunity to give some campers their very first Bible and found that after showing them how to use it the campers were fully engaged – looking up verses, reading out loud for the group and asking questions about what they read! The relationships built with our campers and time spent together was so meaningful! We also experienced meaningful interactions with our rental families in the dining hall over meals, at the archery range and waterfront. Between our Day Camp program and Family Camping rentals we were able to give out 21 Bibles this summer! While our 2021 summer ministry reach was much smaller than what we would have typically seen in past years, everything we did was missionally intentional – to reach kids with the gospel, grow disciples and develop leaders.

Another blessing was in receiving government funding for 11 of our 15 seasonal summer staff

who worked alongside our three year-round staff (Nancy Paschke - Program Director, Geoff Lott - Maintenance & Facilities Manager, and Angela Lott - Foodservices & Hospitality Manager). Our staff team quickly became a close-knit community working together for God's glory in all areas of camp work. With the help of our seasonal staff, we made significant progress on site projects like building new canoe racks, painting in the cabins, building a new fire pit next to the chapel, updates to the archery range and continued improvements to the Chapel interior. Through the additional work on spring and fall work days, we also installed new windows in the Dining Hall and painted much of the interior in Lakeside Hall. Of course, our largest site project this year is the summer washrooms renovation - turning the washrooms into an all-season facility with additional showers, an accessible washroom and mechanical room. It takes many people to accomplish the work that we did this summer and know it is testimony to how God continues to work and provide for Camp Nutimik. The work accomplished now is certainly preparing us for the time when we can again open our doors to campers and rental groups in the ministry work we are longing to do.

Our financial blessings can also not be overlooked! Through generous giving of our donors, fundraising efforts, government grants and memorial funds we have received significant financial support this year. We started the year with an ambitious fundraising goal of \$260,000, knowing that while this amount would carry us through the fiscal year, due to operating restrictions our financial need would continue into the foreseeable future. Our Foundation Board, Camp Board and staff have worked tirelessly on several Fundraising efforts including our Spring Appeal, Tea fundraiser and Comedy Night, and now we are working towards releasing our 2022 Camp Nutimik Calendar fundraiser. We have met our fundraising goal for the Summer Washrooms renovation project allowing the completion of this project with the funds in place. We also humbly report that as of the end of September, we have raised \$220,000 of the \$260,000 goal, leaving us with \$40,000 to raise by year end. We trust that God will continue to meet all our needs according to His will and in His timing.

We at Camp Nutimik extend a most heartfelt thanks to our supporting churches for walking through this difficult season with us. It is with the prayerful, financial, and physical support of our brothers and sisters in Christ that we move forward in hope and faith to the work God has called us to do, all for God's glory!

On behalf of the Camp Nutimik Board of Directors, Foundation and Staff,

Nancy Paschke  
Program Director



# **Water's Edge Bible Camp Report**

To the Manitoba Baptist Association Inc.,

Waters Edge Bible Camp (formerly Wellman Lake Bible Camp) would like to thank you for your ongoing thoughts and prayers. As you can imagine, COVID has greatly affected our ability to run camp ministry these last two years. Despite the frustrations of trying to plan for camp with rules and guidelines that constantly change, there continues to be a sense of passion and desire to spreading God's word through camp ministry.

In 2020 as the pandemic was still in the early stages, we made the decision not to open for campers or property rentals that year. We maintained status quo for the year, doing some basic maintenance projects. With no camps running our part-time Director opted to step down from his position early. When our AGM date rolled around Manitoba was in the height of our restrictions, so the Board, with the blessing of our four local founding churches, made the decision that all active Board members would add an extra year to our terms of office rather than attempt to recruit new members in that overwhelming time.

2021 saw Waters Edge closed for the camp season for another summer. Overnight camps were not yet allowed. Many of our previous staff members spent the summer working with larger camps to



assist in their day camp style programs. With a better idea of what the summer would look like our Trustee Board began brainstorming ways to improve our property for future use.

Some of our current projects on the go include:

- Upgrading our electrical system
- Putting in an official parking lot
- Landscaping to make more wide game play space.
- Installing a commercial dishwasher
- Ongoing work to upgrade our onsite water
- Putting in a new sandbox and play structure

As we head towards our 2021 Annual General Meeting we pray for new individuals to step up to our many open Board Positions – including President and Vice President; That we would have applicants for our part-time year-round Director of Camp Operations position; For opportunity to raise the funds needed for our project list – with volunteer power it is estimated at over \$60,000.00 for all our current projects; and most of all that new regulations would be decided on and we would have the people in place to run overnight camps again in the 2022 season.

God Bless,

Dana Healey, Secretary  
Waters Edge Bible Camp Board

# Meadowood Manor Chaplain's Report

*Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. - Colossians 4:2*

## Greetings!

October 1st, marked my first full year of Ministry as Chaplain here at Meadowood Manor! It has indeed been a year of ministry challenges due to Covid but despite the obstacles there have been many opportunities to establish and develop close, trusting relationships.

## By way of introduction...

For those whom I have not yet had the joy of meeting, I would like to share a little about myself. I am married to Phylis and will celebrate 35 years of marriage come November first. We do not have any children. I have served in Pastoral Ministry for the last eighteen years in Churches in Manitoba and British Columbia. Earlier this year we were able to purchase a home here in Winnipeg not far from Meadowood.

## Ministry at Meadowood...

Although many of the familiar programs have yet to be re-instated at Meadowood Manor, the Chaplaincy ministry continues to move forward as certain Covid restrictions are adjusted or relaxed. This has permitted the resumption of Sunday Worship Services and Bible Studies in the EPH. A Communion Service has been regularly scheduled for the first Sunday of each month during the EPH Sunday Worship Service; Communion is available one-one in the PCH. The Fellowship Hall/Chapel has also been made available to First Floor PCH Residents for Morning Song Services and Sunday Services. Services for the Second Floor PCH Residents continue by the Nurse's Station. Numerous ministry opportunities continue with a significant emphasis on personal visitation; resident/family counseling; participation in Memorial Services...to name a few.

## A note of thanks...

I am very grateful to the Pianists who have so joyfully and faithfully served the PCH Residents these past few weeks during the Morning Song Services. The EPH Residents are also very appreciative for the music provided during the Sunday afternoon Worship Service on the tenth floor Chapel.

I am also very thankful for your continuing, steadfast prayers for the 'spiritual' and 'physical' well-being of our Residents and Staff! Thank you!

In His Service...  
Pastor Rick Bettig

The header image features a dark, silhouetted mountain range against a warm, orange-hued sky, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The title is overlaid on this image in a large, white, serif font.

# Meadowood Manor Foundation Report

Deep into the second year of a global pandemic unprecedented in our times, Meadowood Manor Foundation is thankful that, through the generosity of its donors, it has been able to continue full funding of Meadowood Manor's Chaplaincy Program. Although the cancellation of very popular fundraising events has once again been necessary, the Foundation in the past year has been able to contribute full funding for the complete renovation of the Hair Salon at Meadowood Manor which provides a very necessary and much appreciated service to the Residents and Tenants, funding of new kitchen cabinets for the Friendship Room located on the main floor of the Independent Living Seniors Apartment Tower, and funding of new Artwork for both the Personal Care Home and the Apartment Tower through the "Poinsettias for Prints" promotion last Christmas 2020. The funding of such Special Projects enhances the living experience of those who reside at Meadowood Manor, and therefore improves the lives of all the Residents and Tenants for whom Meadowood Manor is "home".

The Foundation is carrying on with its planning for the development and launch of its own website, which will allow donors to obtain information about how donors can financially support Meadowood Manor and also by which donations can be made online. The Foundation also continues to focus on governance matters that are necessary for the development of the organization, including the adoption of policies, and revisions to the Foundation's General By-Laws. The Foundation has also welcomed two new Directors to its Board, Dr. Trevor Clark and Ron Eisbrenner.

The Foundation sincerely thanks all its donors, and all Meadowood Manor supporters within the Manitoba Baptist Association, including churches, for their committed, persistent and faithful generosity in allowing the Foundation 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 through its funding of the Chaplaincy Program and Special Projects.

Board of Directors of Meadowood Manor Foundation Inc.: Norm Piel, Al Donald, John Giesbrecht, Ed Bergstresser, Wolfgang Tiegs, Helga Kahler, Dr. Trevor Clark, Ron Eisbrenner



# Manitoba Baptist Home Society Report

Meadowood Manor was established over forty years ago. With God's blessing, the vision of one combined with the enthusiasm of many from our MBA churches built our facility on St. Anne's Rd in St. Vital. Meadowood Manor is comprised of an eighty-eight bed personal care home and an eighty-nine suite elder persons apartment building. Through the years Meadowood has served where daily care has become a necessity. Over time these needs have escalated. Today's level of care is generally higher than when our doors first opened. We are meeting that challenge.

Adding an elderly persons apartment building to the original plan was a wonderful idea. Here we offer a place to call home for people that choose to downsize and can still live independently. As a tenant you join a community of neighbors all in one building.

We are thankful for the good leadership of our CEO, and management team. With the effort of the Meadowood Manor Foundation, we have a chaplaincy program complete with a fulltime chaplain. Our Foundation works diligently to allow us to enhance our facility and level of care.

Covid has forced us to do things differently then in the past. We have had to meet in smaller groups for our Sunday services, Morning Song, Bible studies and any other gatherings we do. We have had to restrict the number of volunteers to fully vaccinated people and because of smaller group sizes we have been limited to the number of volunteers we can use. Our chaplain has had to do more one on one meetings and in many cases use electronics to ensure our chaplaincy ministry is maximized.

We are so thankful that God has spared Meadowood from Covid outbreaks with no residents being affected and only 3 staff members who isolated and are doing well. We thank God for our CEO who has surrounded herself with an amazing team that are passionate and caring for our residents serving them with Love. We Praise God That 99% of Staff and Residents are fully vaccinated which goes a long way to keeping everyone safe at Meadowood Manor.

We are continuing to try and enhance our residents lives by renovating, creating, and providing the best home possible. Ex. New Hair salon, New Walking paths, Newly renovated front entrance and staff offices including new board room which offers more privacy and better working areas.

We've entered decade five. Our Mission: To provide Christian care programs developed primarily for elderly Residents in a non-profit facility. Guided by the compassion of Christ, we develop and manage resources to satisfy our Resident's physical, social, emotional and spiritual needs. Our goal is to preserve the personal dignity of our Residents in a peaceful, safe, respectful and home-like environment.

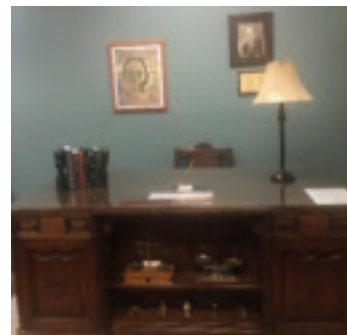
George Giesbrecht  
Board Chair  
Manitoba Baptist Home Society Inc.

# North American Baptist Conference Heritage Commission

Greetings from the North American Baptist Heritage Commission (Archives). Our task is to collect, preserve, and organize documents and records which record the history of the North American Baptist Conference (NABC). The Archives are the repository for 1000's of pages of correspondence and 100's of artifacts from denominational churches and foreign mission fields. In the Archives you will find historical files of NAB churches, Triennial Conferences, denominational promotions, educational institutions, God's Volunteers/New Day, Bible camps and nursing homes, Women's Ministries, and more. Although space is limited, the Archives also serves as a museum in which pulpit furniture, pump organs, desks (see photo below), anniversary plates and cups, mission-field-artifacts, cornerstones (see right), and distinguished sculptures can be displayed (see photo below). Churches are encouraged to send important historical documents (anniversary books / etc.) to the Archives. Randy and Darlene are available to assist churches, individuals, and other historians as they search for items of interest related to the NABC.



Johann Gerhardt Oncken  
(Baptist Pioneer in Germany)  
"Father of the German  
Baptists"(Bust gifted to NAB  
by Baptist Union of Germany  
as expression of gratitude for  
post-WWII relief assistance)



Desk gifted to  
NAB Seminary  
by distinguished  
alum, Dr. Arthur J.  
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## Heritage Commission Resources:

- Directories and conference reports dating back to the 1850's
- Many church anniversary and dedication books and programs
- A complete set of Der Sendbote and The Baptist Herald (can be accessed online: Baptist Herald)
- Many German Bibles and other books related to German Baptist history, beliefs, and practices
- An extensive collection of books pertaining to NAB missions in Cameroon
- Books by and about NAB pastors, professors, laymen and women

The Summer Edition of *Heritage Horizons* was first published in the Heritage Commission booth during the 2021 Triennial. In early September, e-copies and postal copies were sent to all those on our mailing list. Please contact Randy or Amber at the IO ([apedroni@nabconf.org](mailto:apedroni@nabconf.org)) if you would like to receive an e-copy or be added to the mailing list.



## Good Read

In 2020, Randy was asked to help with editing a book authored by Mildred Schindler Janzen (now more than 90 years of age), who has been a member of the First Baptist Church, Lorraine, KS for some 70 years. *Surviving Hitler – Evading Stalin* is a compelling and from the heart account of God's providence and the resilience of the human spirit, as demonstrated in the life of a teenage girl. In the face of nearly insurmountable life challenges in Germany during and following World War II, Mildred found herself transplanted in rural Kansas. Guided by her strong faith in God and aided by the generosity of strangers and family, Mildred is not only a survivor but also an inspiration to her family, church, and community.



Her book (pictured here) offers some interesting and intriguing reading. It is available for purchase at Sunbury Press or on Amazon and would be a great gift idea.

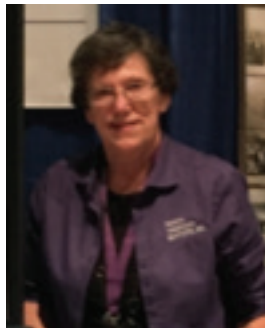
## Heritage Sunday?

Recently, I happened across a piece in the Spring 2004 edition of Heritage Horizons entitled: “Heritage Sunday for Your Church?” in which George W. Lang asked: “When is the last time your church celebrated its God-blessed history?” He went on to encourage local churches to consider celebrating a Heritage Sunday to reflect on God’s faithfulness in the past and God’s call to faithful service in the present.

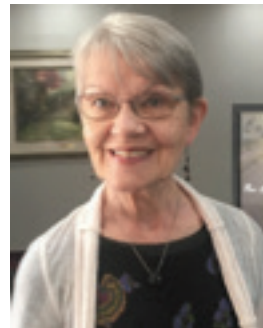
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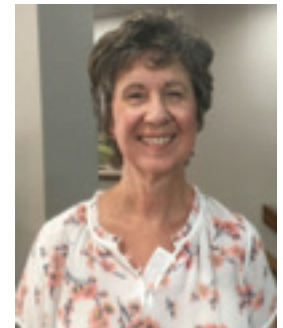
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