

2019 Canada West Mission Conference

‘Story’

CWM Conference 2019
Edmonton, Alberta
August 29-September 1



‘No one else can speak the words on your lips. Drench yourself in words unspoken. Live your life with arms wide open. Today is where your book begins. The rest is still unwritten.’

Natasha Bedingfield
‘Unwritten’



Community of Christ

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Meet our Guest Ministers

Conversation Cafe

This year you'll have the opportunity to chat one-on-one with some of our special guests on Sunday from 2:30-4:30 at the Conversation Café.

John Hamer

'Creating Connection'

Rod Downing

'Peace and Justice'

Apostle Art Smith

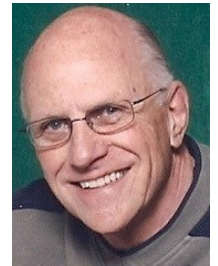
'Ask Art'

Edith Wallace

'Musician and Storyteller'

Danny Belrose

Danny A. Belrose is an amateur poet and artist. He holds a "Master of Theology degree" and "Doctor of Ministry" degree from St. Stephen's College in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, and is the author of *Let the Spirit Breathe*, *Wave Offerings*, *Vulnerable to Grace*, *Portraits*, *Profiles*, and *Prayers*, and several hymn texts in *Community of Christ Sings* hymnal, published in 2013. Prior to retirement Danny served the church as member of the Council of Twelve Apostles and as Presiding Evangelist. A native of Sarnia, Ontario, Canada, Danny lives in Independence, Missouri with his wife Penelope. They are parents, grandparents and great-grandparents. Their three daughters, Beth Morden (deceased), Kerry Peter, and Heather Moor reside in Canada.

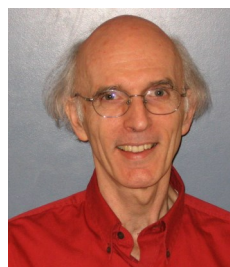


Penelope Belrose



Penelope Lynne (Prior) Belrose is a graduate of Sarnia, Ontario's Northern Collegiate and studied Psychology at Western University (London, Ontario). She is a full-time homemaker. Her work experience has included part-time retail sales, teacher's assistant, and three years employment with Community of Christ's Worship Department. Penelope is an Elder and has provided

ministry in Jamaica, Australia, French Polynesia, and congregations in the Church's domestic field. She has served the Church as Worship Commissioner, congregational retreat leader, and pastoral community outreach leader. She organized a knitting group, which has provided over a thousand hats for hospital preemies. Penelope lives with her husband, Danny in Independence, Missouri.



Canada West Mission Conference Schedule 2019

Friday August 30

- 6:30 Registration and Button Making
- 7:00 Welcome to 2019 CWM Conference
- 8:00 What's Up...In the CWM!
- 9:00 Snacks and Visiting
Young Adult Evening Activity
- 10:00 Goodnight

Saturday August 31

- 9:00 Arrive
- 9:15 Spiritual Practice
- 9:45 Muffins and Coffee
- 10:30 Service of Recognition and Appreciation
Pre-legislative Session
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:30 Business Meeting
- 3:15 Break 30
- 3:45 Danny Belrose 'Discover Your Story'
- 5:00 Choir practice – Chapel
- 6:00 Dinner
- 7:30 Edith Wallace and World Accord
Visiting and snack
Goodnight

Sunday September 1

- 9:00 Arrive
- 9:15 Spiritual Practice
- 9:45 Muffins and Coffee
- 10:30 Communion Service, Danny Belrose speaker
- 12:00 Group Photo
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:30 Penelope Belrose 'The Danger of a Single Story'
- 2:30 Refreshments
- 2:45 Conversation Café – Mission Centre Kiosks
- 4:30 Closing Service - Apostle Art Smith
- 5:30 Dinner on your own.
- 7:00 Optional evening activities

Monday September 2nd

Preaching Seminar with Danny Belrose

- 9:00 Coffee and snacks
- 9:30 Worship with Penelope Belrose
- 10:00 'Discover Your Preaching Story'
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 'Discover Your Preaching Story' continued
- 3:00 Wrap up

Welcome

“The Importance of Story”

Listen carefully to your own journey as a people,
for it is a sacred journey
and it has taught you many things you must know for the journey yet to come.
(D&C, Section 162:2a)

“In the beginning...”

“I, Nephi, having been born of goodly parents...”

“Hearken, O ye people of my church, ...”

These are the first words of each of our three standard books of scripture. The words promise many good stories to follow. Stories of creation and of destruction. Stories of covenants and of deception. Stories of victory and of defeat. Stories of good and of evil. Stories of tragedy and of triumph. Stories of love and of hate. Stories of loss and, especially, of salvation.

We are gathering again for our annual mission centre conference – and there will be stories! Who has new children or grandchildren? Who has died? Who has moved into your congregation? Who has moved away? What did you do on your summer vacation? What is the news from your part of the world?

The primary purpose of our conference weekend is to share the stories of the Canada West Mission Centre. And so we will hear of how things have gone in the past year – our camps, our reunions and retreats, our audits and our budgets, our challenges and our successes.

Every story you will hear this weekend will, at some level, be a story of sacred journey for someone. Every story will tell of something taught and learned. And every story will inform us to help us live the next year even better.

Come! Tell us a story! And we will share a few with you in return! May we be blessed with God’s life-giving, faith-building, love-bestowing, testimony-affirming presence as we share together in “story” for these few days.

--Stephen Thompson
Canada West Mission Centre President

God blessed the seventh day.
He made it a Holy Day
Because on that day he rested from his work,
all the creating God had done.
This is the story of how it all started,
of Heaven and Earth when they were created.
(Genesis 2:3-4, The Message)

What's Happening and Where

Young Adult Friday Evening Activity

An opportunity for young adults from around the Mission Centre to gather around the fire pit and re-connect! Enjoy some BBQ, s'mores, games, and EACH OTHER! Doug and Cassandra Levitt are kindly opening their home in Ft. Saskatchewan to us for this event. If you are planning to attend, please let Parker Johnson know. If you need a ride, a group will be leaving from the Edmonton Congregation. This is a family-friendly event.

Morning Spiritual Practices

Prepare for each day with an enriching and uplifting spiritual practice at 9:15 am Saturday and Sunday in the chapel. Please plan to arrive early, enter and leave quietly, and keep your voices down in the hallway during this time if you are not participating.

Morning Coffee and Muffin Time

Coffee and muffins will be served from 9:45 - 10:20 am Saturday and Sunday. At 10:20 the food will be cleared away as the cooks prepare for the rest of the day. Please plan to arrive early if you would like to snack and visit.

Ministry of Prayer and Listening

Wayne and Gloria Stanton will be available to offer administration, to pray with you, or just listen. Please see Wayne, Gloria or Debra to arrange this.

Quiet Room/Prayer Room

This is located in the basement near the photocopy room. You'll find comfy chairs for rest, quiet time, or administration.

Washrooms

We have 5 washrooms in the building. One accessible washroom off the main foyer, men's and women's near the kitchen on the top floor, and men's and women's washrooms downstairs in the basement.

Children

Please note that there is no programming for children this weekend. Young children may use the quiet room off the chapel, and older children may play downstairs at the discretion and responsibility of their parents.

Helping Hands

Many hands make light work. If you are able to assist with setting up in the morning or helping to put away in the evening, please speak with Mike Bock. If you would like to help with clearing tables or dishwashing, please add your name to the sign up sheets in the dining hall.

Business Meeting Agenda
Saturday August 31, 2019
Edmonton Community of Christ
11:00 a.m. – Pre-Legislative Discussion of Major Agenda Items

1:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. – Formal Business Meeting

- 1. Call the Conference to Order**
 - A. Opening Hymn of Praise:
 - B. Opening Prayer

- 2. Greetings to the Conference**
 - A. Apostle Art Smith
 - B. Bishop of Canada Dar Shepherdson

- 3. Introduction to Voting System**
 - A. Introduction/Training on Voting System and Processes
 - B. Practice Vote(s)

- 4. Conference Organization**
 - A. Parliamentary Guide, **page 11**. (Information only; no motion required)
 - B. Motion to approve Credentials Committee Report (with amendments if necessary), **page 10**.
Resolved: That the report of the Credentials Committee be accepted as circulated (or – as amended).

 - C. Motion to approve Conference Officers
Resolved,
 - I. That the **Mission President** preside over this Conference and be authorized to complete the Conference organization.
 - II. That **Lisa Neudorf** be Secretary of the Conference.
 - III. That **Gary MacDonald** be Parliamentarian for the Conference.
Submitted by Mission President

- 5. Motion to approve agenda of Canada West Mission Business Meeting, September 1, 2018**
Resolved, That the Agenda for the Canada West Mission Business Meeting for August 31, 2019, be approved as circulated (or – as amended).

- 6. Motion to approve Minutes of February 2, 2019, Electronic Mission Conference, pages 14 - 16.**
Resolved, That the Minutes of the Canada West Mission Business Meeting (Electronic Conference) of February 2, 2019, be approved as circulated (or – as amended/ corrected).

- 7. Mission Centre Organization**
 - A. Mission President, **page 8**.
Resolved, That **Stephen Thompson** be sustained as Mission President.
Submitted by First Presidency

 - B. Mission Financial Officer, **Page 9**.
Resolved, That **Samuel Smalldon** be sustained as Mission Financial Officer.
Submitted by First Presidency

C. Mission Appointments,
Resolved,

- I That **Linda Klughart** be sustained as Mission Recorder.
 - II That **Anita Bates** be sustained as Mission Historian.
 - III That **Debra Donohue** be sustained as Privacy Officer.
- Submitted by Mission President

D. Mission Advisory Council

Resolved: That the following persons be re-appointed to the Canada West Mission Advisory Council for the next year:

Carl Bolger (Victoria)
Shannon MacAdam (Vancouver)
Caitlin D'Esterre (Calgary)
Corleen McLean (Saskatoon)
Denise Esch (Regina)
Stan Freer (Winnipeg)

8. Consideration of Priesthood Calls

Details to be announced.

9. Presentation of Canadian Church Corporation 2019 Budget (p. 17)

Presented for information only to show the usage of "World Wide Mission Tithes" offerings from Canadians. No motion required.

10. Consideration of Mission Centre Financial Information

A Consideration of Internal Audit Report for 2017 (see page 18-20)

Resolved: That the Internal Audit Report for the year ending December 31, 2017, be received for information.

B. Consideration of Internal Audit Report for 2018 (see page 21-24)

Resolved: That the Internal Audit Report for the year ending December 31, 2017, be received for information.

C. Consideration of 2020 Budget – see insert

Resolved: That the Canada West Mission Centre Budget for 2020 be approved as presented (or – as amended).

11. Acknowledgement of Reports to the Conference:

Mission President – p. 25
Creating Connections Director, BC – p. 26-27
Camping and Retreat Specialist – p. 32
Church Mission and Young Adult Specialist – p. 28-30
Canadian Peace and Justice Committee – p. 31
Communications – p. 27
Historian – p. 33
Samish Island – p. 34
Hills of Peace – p. 35

12. Other Business

13. Announcement of Location of 2020 Canada West Mission Conference

14. Adjournment

Closing Hymn:
Closing Prayer:

Letter to sustain Stephen Thompson



Community of Christ

CHRIST'S MISSION, OUR MISSION

August 31, 2019

To the Canada West Mission Center

Dear Saints:

As you gather for your mission center conference and engage in the business and mission you are called to, the Presidency is pleased to recommend for your consideration Stephen Thompson to serve as your Mission Center President. To serve in this leadership position is both a blessing and challenge as the Mission Center President seeks to support your congregations to fully live into the mission of the church. Through your support, you join with Steve to be a living expression of the church wherever you are found.

Today, the Presidency wants to express our profound appreciation for the willingness of Steve to offer this service and ministry for the benefit of the mission center and church. We now ask for your prayerful consideration to sustain Steve to serve as the appointed Mission Center President. May you hold Steve in your prayers.

In the spirit of peace,
THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

K. Scott Murphy

cc: Art Smith, Apostle

KSM/kat

INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTERS
1001 W. Walnut St., Independence, MO 64050 USA

Letter to sustain Sam Smalldon



Community of Christ

CHRIST'S MISSION, OUR MISSION

August 31, 2019

To the Canada West Mission Center

Dear Saints:

It is with joy that the First Presidency and Presiding Bishopric offer our support and recommendation for Sam Smalldon to serve as your Mission Center Financial Officer. The financial officer upholds the principles of generosity and whole-life stewardship that help each of us respond to the mission of the church in meaningful and authentic ways. We are deeply grateful for those who offer their skills and ministry in this essential position as a partner with the Mission Center President.

Today, we ask for your support for Sam to serve as the appointed Mission Center Financial Officer. May you hold Sam in your prayers.

In the spirit of peace,
THE FIRST PRESIDENCY

PRESIDING BISHOPRIC

Handwritten signature of K. Scott Murphy in blue ink.

K. Scott Murphy

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Stassi D. Cramm

cc: Art Smith, Apostle
Dar Shepherdson, Field Bishop

KSM/kat

Delegates

Vancouver 5 of 10

Gary MacDonald
Rod Downing
Debra Donohue
E- Lanette Vawter
E- Rosilyn Coulson

Victoria 5 of 7

Carl Bolger
Shirley Bolger
E- Kelly Duff
E- Donna Martin
E- John Canty

Chilliwack 3 of 3

Barry Williams
Betty Williams
Gwyn Beer Jr.

Alternate

E- Shonnet Allen

Edmonton 10 of 18

Ryan Levitt
Marian Thompson
Deborah Greibrok
Carl Lindemann
Michael Bock
Bonnie Bock
Linda Allen
Angie Jenkins
Sharon Smyth
Cheryl Donnachie
Margaret Levitt

Calgary 6 of 9

Cindy Larsen
Carol Shaw
Shirley Smith
Caitlin d'Esterre
Parker Johnson
Doug Hayden
Isabelle Williams

Ribstone 5 of 6

Jack Cargill
Bev Cargill
E- Darleene Skinner
E- Leila Goheen
E- Emelia Goheen

Alternate

Joanne Fraser

Lethbridge 1 of 2

E- Nancy Panting

Saskatoon 5 of 5

Wayne Stanton
Gloria Stanton
Lloyd Chase
Brenda Senga
Elaine Chase
Alternates
Clarissa McLean
Corleen McLean

Regina 3 of 7

Dan Esch
Denise Esch
E- Gregg Lester

Prince Albert 1 of 2

E- Linda Klughart

Winnipeg 2 of 2

Stan Freer
Ray Little

Senlac 2 of 2

Doug Middleton
Becky Middleton

Meadow Ridge 2 of 2

E- Bill Morrison
E- Karen Brett

Total 51 of 77 = 66%

Parliamentary Guide

- A main motion must be moved, seconded, and stated by the Chair before it can be discussed
- If you approve the motion as it is, vote for it. If you disapprove the motion, in total, vote against it.
- If you approve the idea of the motion but want to change it, move to amend it by adding, deleting, or substituting.
- If you want competent advice to help you to make your decision, move to refer the motion to an appropriate person or committee with instructions to report back.
- If you feel that a person or committee can handle it better than the assembly, move to refer the motion with power to act.
- If the pending matter should be set aside temporarily because something more urgent has come up, move that it be laid on the table.
- If you want time to think the motion over, move that consideration be postponed to a certain time.
- If you think that further discussion is unnecessary, move to close debate.
- If you do not agree with a decision by the Chair, appeal the decision to the assembly.
- If you think that a matter introduced is not germane to the matter at hand, a question of order may be raised.
- If you think that too much time is being consumed by speakers, you can move a time limit on such speeches.
- If a motion has several parts and you wish to vote differently on these parts, move to divide the motion.

Using MIS (Ministerial Information System) June 16, 2019 the number of CWM delegates was calculated according to former Congregation membership numbers and distributed among respective congregations according to their book membership. The formula is one delegate per fifteen members with a minimum of two in any congregation.

Pastors may submit additional names of persons to serve as delegates in the fourteen days before the business meeting. These names will be presented to the business meeting and will be accepted by a vote of the business meeting as amendments to the "Report of the Credentials Committee."

Similarly, persons whose names need to be withdrawn as delegates for any reason may be dealt with by a letter from the Pastor and substitutes may be named. These changes will also be dealt with as amendments to the "Report of the Credentials Committee."

Non-resident members may be represented in a business meeting in a similar ratio from each province. Delegates may be appointed by the Mission Centre President at least 2 weeks prior to the business meeting. Non-resident members can "volunteer" to serve as delegates with notice to the Mission Centre President no later than two weeks prior to the business meeting.

Eateries near Edmonton Community of Christ

Boston Pizza, 7641 Argyle Rd. 780-450-2900

Brit's Fish and Chips, 6940 77 St. 780-485-1797

Tim Hortons, 8555 Argyle Rd

Wendy's, 7410 Argyll Rd

Carl's Jr., 6950 75 Street

Four Points By Sheraton, 7230 Argyll Road 780-465-7931

HUMA Mexican Comfort Restaurant, 9880 63 Ave. 780-433-9229

Friday and Saturday 11:00 am to 10:00 pm

Sunday 11:00 am to 9:00 pm

Pearl River Restaurant, 4728 99 St. 780-435-2015

Friday and Saturday 4:30 pm to 11:00 pm

Sunday 4:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Blue Chair Café, 9624 76 Ave. 780-989-2861

Friday 7:00 am to 11:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am to 11:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am to 2:30 pm

Biera, 9570 76 Ave. 587-525-8589

Friday 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Saturday 1:00 pm to 11:00 pm

Sunday 1:00pm to 5:00 pm

Tony Roma's, 83r-101 82nd Ave (Bonnie Doon Mall) 780-466-7070

Ragazzi Bistro Italiano, 8110 82 Ave 780-414-0500

Friday 4:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Saturday 4:30 pm to 10:00 pm

Won Jung Gak, Korean Restaurant, 9655 62 Ave. 780-988-7709

Friday and Saturday 11:30 am to 8:30 pm

Sunday 11:30 am to 8:00 pm

Beloved Community of Christ, do not just speak and sing of Zion. Live, love, and share as Zion: those who strive to be visibly one in Christ, among whom there are no poor or oppressed.

(D&C, Section 165:6a)

Communications News!

The Weekly Wire

This summer, we moved to a new provider for the Weekly Wire. This now enables each of us on staff to post flyers or notices for the events we're running, and the system will automatically add those to the Weekly Wire. In the past I would personally have to send the link for the Weekly Wire to those of you who hadn't signed up for the automated delivery. If I was out of town or on holidays, about half of you wouldn't receive our weekly announcements. Now, with our new system, you'll always get the latest news and updates. If you're not receiving the Weekly Wire on Thursday mornings, email me at debra@communityofchrist.ca and I'll send you the link to sign up.

Social Media

Are you active on facebook, twitter, or Instagram? We need YOU to help build our social media presence! If you would like to become part of your congregation's social media team or help manage your congregation's web page, contact your pastor or Parker Johnson parker@communityofchrist.ca It's easier than you think!



Debra Donohue
CWM Communications
1-877-411-2632 ext 4
debra@communityofchrist.ca

Tech Tips

Most of us use email to communicate these days, and our computers to register for events (I said *most* of us), but often I hear things like "I can't find the page again to log in" or "I keep getting emails from you about weird prescriptions" Those ARE NOT from me.

Tip one - bookmark the website pages you will need to come back to in the future. Like Reggie or the Canada West Mission Website. While you're originally on the webpage, go to your task bar and click on 'favourites' or 'bookmarks' and rename the page if you need to. Then when you want to return to that page, simply click on your 'favourites' or 'bookmarks' and select the page you want to go to.

Tip two - Always check to see if the email address makes sense before you open an email. If an email comes from Debra Donohue, but the email address is debra@oig3porj9og.ca, it's NOT from me. We all need to be proactive about our tech security.



Community of Christ

Canada West Mission Centre

Electronic Conference

Saturday, February 2, 2019

10 am PST; 11 am MST; 12 noon CST

Minutes

1. Call the Conference to Order

- a. Statement of Welcome (Steve Thompson)
- b. Roll Call of Congregations (*number of attendees in brackets*):
Chilliwack (3); Meadow Ridge (2), Vancouver (10), Victoria (3), Calgary (3), Edmonton (9), Lethbridge (2) Ribstone (4), Prince Albert (2), Regina (4), Saskatoon (6), Senlac (1), Winnipeg (1)
13/14 congregations attending and Apostle Art Smith
- c. Opening Video: "Invitation to Community of Christ" (online YouTube video)
- d. Opening Prayer: Apostle Art Smith

2. Greetings

- a. Scott Murphy, Member of the First Presidency of Community of Christ
- b. Art Smith, Apostle for Canada

3. Introduction to Voting System: "Poll Everywhere"

We're learning and getting better 😊

4. Mission Centre Organization

Scott Murphy assumed chair of the meeting.

- a. Presentation of Letter appointing Stephen Thompson as Mission Centre President: Sustaining MCP Letter Canada West
- b. Presentation of Letter appointing Samuel Smalldon as Mission Centre Financial Officer: Sustaining MCFO Letter Canada West
- c. Motion to sustain both appointments

Moved: Ryan Levitt (Edmonton)/Linda Klughart (Prince Albert)

That the appointments of Stephen Thompson as Mission Centre President and Samuel Smalldon as Mission Centre Financial Officer be sustained.

Motion carried.

Scott expressed appreciation to Steve and Sam for their willingness to serve in these roles. Chair returned to Steve. Steve expressed appreciate for Sam's appointment as MCFO.

5. Conference Organization

- B. Parliamentary Guide (information) (see document: "Parliamentary Guide")
- b Meeting Procedures (see document "CWM Meeting Procedures")

- C. Motion to Approve the Report of the Credentials Committee AND the Conference Officers
- D. Report of the Credentials Committee (i.e., Elected Delegates)
See Document: "Credentials Committee Report E-Cofnference Delegates 2019"
- E. Proposed Conference Officers:
Chair: Stephen Thompson
Recording Secretary: Lisa Neudorf

Moved: Gwyn Beer (Chilliwack)/Bryce Richards (Lethbridge)

That the report of the Credentials Committee be approved; and,

That Stephen Thompson serve as Chair of the Conference and that Lisa Neudorf serve as Recording Secretary for the Conference.

Motion carried.

6. Conference Agenda

- A. Motion to approve agenda as circulated.
- B. Review of agenda
- C. Consider amendments for additions or deletions
- D. Vote on agenda (as presented or as amended)

Moved: Carl Bolger (Victoria)/Marilyn Smith (Calgary)

That the Agenda of the 2019 Canada West Mission Center Electronic Conference be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

7. Consideration of Minutes of Last CWM Business Meeting: September 1, 2018

- A. Motion to approve Minutes as distributed

Moved: Lanette Vawter (Vancouver)/Bonnie Levitt (Chilliwack)

That the minutes of the Canada West Mission Centre Business Meeting held September 1, 2018, be approved as presented.

Motion carried.

No errors, omissions or amendments.

8. 2015 Internal Audit Report and Financial Statements

- A. See the 2015 Audited Statements and Audit Letter:
[Doc08a-AUDIT Canada West CY 2015](#)
- B. See the originally approved "UnAudited" 2015 Information for comparison:
 - i. UNAUDITED 2015 CWM Income and Expense Statement
 - ii. UNAUDITED 2015 CWM Programs Statement
 - iii. UNAUDITED 2015 CWM Statement of Financial Position

9. 2016 Internal Audit Report and Financial Statements

- A. See the 2016 Audited Statements and Audit Letter
- B. See the originally approved 2016 Information for comparison:
 - i. UNAUDITED 2016 CWM Income and Expense Statement
 - ii. UNAUDITED 2016 Programs Statement
 - iii. UNAUDITED 2016 Statement of Financial Position

- C. Motion to accept the 2015 and 2016 Internal Audit Reports and Financial Statements.

Moved: Roslyn Teng (Vancouver)/Shonnet Allen (Chilliwack)

That the Internal Audit Reports and Financial Statements for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2016, be accepted.

Motion carried.

10. Re-Presentation of Revised 2019 Budget

- A. The 2019 CWM Budget, approved at the 2018 Mission Conference in Regina, has been revised in format by Sam Smalldon as the new Mission Centre Financial Officer. The substantial change is to show a “Transfer from Reserves” to cover the shortfall in revenues versus expenses. The shortfall has also been revised to a lesser amount due to an error in calculation in the information presented in September.
- B. Motion to approve the Revised 2019 Budget

Moved: Isabelle Williams (Calgary)/Bryce Richards (Lethbridge)

That the re-formatted and amended budget for Canada West Mission Centre for the year ending December 31, 2019, be approved.

Motion carried.

11. Information items (no motions required):

- A. Fees and Donations – Update and Current Status
 - i. We will be providing cost per person guideline in advance of events.
 - ii. BC Reunion attendees will be asked to make donations in advance.
- B. New Canadian Website Development
 - i. Presentation by Parker Johnson.
- C. Congregational Websites Development
 - i. Parker is leading workshops for congregations to learn how to manage their own website. The congregational websites will be linked to the new CWM website. The workshop was provided to BC in early January and will be planned for Alberta and Saskatchewan.
- D. Introduction to New Event Registration System

Presentation by Lisa Neudorf.
- E. Status of Porcupine Plain Congregation

Porcupine Plain congregation will be closing in 2019. Membership has dwindled to three persons. The expense and effort to maintain the building is no longer justified.

12. No other business

13. Statements of Appreciation

Steve expressed appreciation to delegates and congregations, tech support, Scott Murphy, Sam Smalldon and CWM staff.

14. Reminder of next Mission Conference:

Edmonton Community of Christ
Labour Day Weekend: Friday, August 30 to Sunday, September 1, 2019
Guest Ministry: Danny and Penelope Belrose

Detailed Program to be announced

Note Extra Workshops planned for Monday, September 2

See “Weekly Wire” for Accommodation Information – BOOK EARLY!

15. Conference Closing

Closing Prayer: Evangelist Carl Bolger

Meeting adjourned: 12:56 PST; 1:56 MST; 2:56 pm CST

Attachments

The file copy of these minutes will include copies of the reports considered and approved by the conference as well as written versions of the information presentations about the website and the new registration system.

Worldwide Mission Budget, funded by Canada
2019 Proposed Budget

	CY 2018 BUDGET, CAD\$		\$ 0.75 CY 2018 \$USD	\$ 0.75 CY 2019 BUDGET	\$ 0.75 CY 2018 \$USD
	BUDGET	ACTUAL 9/30			
INCOME					
Worldwide Mission Tithes	\$ 1,060,000	\$ 918,305	\$ 795,000	\$ 958,000	\$ 718,500
Communications Equipment Contribution		126,650	-		-
Support from Temple Endowment	117,000	86,250	87,750	120,000	90,000
Support from Communications Endowment	102,000	72,167	78,500	122,000	91,500
Support from Mission Endowment	60,000	45,000	45,000	106,000	79,500
Investment Income	96,000	44,545	72,000	240,000	180,000
Investment Management Fees - 40 bps and other	22,000	22,149	16,500	29,000	21,750
Samish Island Support				39,000	
Offering Envelopes	1,000	206	750	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	1,458,000	1,315,272	1,093,500	1,614,000	1,210,500
EXPENSE					
Mission in Canada					
<i>Oblation and World Hunger</i>					
Oblation Aid	20,000	7,104	15,000	20,000	15,000
Disaster Relief			-		-
World Hunger/Tangible Love Grants			-		-
<i>Total Oblation and World Hunger</i>	<i>20,000</i>	<i>7,104</i>	<i>15,000</i>	<i>20,000</i>	<i>15,000</i>
<i>Mission Staff Costs</i>					
Field Leadership Salaries and Benefits	105,000	74,969	78,750	107,000	80,250
Staff Moving and Relocation			-		-
Vehicles and Computers	32,000	21,079	24,000	34,000	25,500
<i>Total Mission Staff Costs</i>	<i>137,000</i>	<i>96,048</i>	<i>102,750</i>	<i>141,000</i>	<i>105,750</i>
Total Mission in Canada	157,000	103,152	117,750	161,000	120,750
Mission Support					
<i>Support Staff Costs</i>					
Office Staff Salaries and Benefits	123,000	92,190	92,250	132,000	99,000
Staff Development	2,000	1,013	1,500	2,000	1,500
Travel	5,000	4,840	3,750	7,000	5,250
<i>Support Staff Costs</i>	<i>130,000</i>	<i>98,043</i>	<i>97,500</i>	<i>141,000</i>	<i>105,750</i>
<i>Office Expense</i>					
Office Expense	20,000	7,303	15,000	14,000	10,500
Equipment Expense	5,000	3,592	3,750	5,000	3,750
Professional Fees	40,000	23,953	30,000	40,000	30,000
Contract Services	24,000	20,642	18,000	28,000	21,000
Bank Service Charges and X-rate differences	3,000	(1,671)	2,250	3,000	2,250
<i>Total Office Expense</i>	<i>92,000</i>	<i>53,819</i>	<i>69,000</i>	<i>90,000</i>	<i>67,500</i>
Total Mission Support	222,000	151,862	166,500	231,000	173,250
Worldwide Mission					
Graceland University (Seminary)	100,000	33,653	75,000	100,000	75,000
Principal Organist with Organ Maintenance Support	117,000	86,250	87,750	120,000	90,000
Accelerate Church Growth through Communications	102,000	72,167	78,500	122,000	91,500
Translations	101,000	73,661	75,750	160,000	120,000
World Service Corps	1,000	2,556	750	-	-
World Church Finance Board		1,111			
Samish Island Support			-	39,000	29,250
Int'l Oblation and Disaster Relief (for below countries)			-	20,000	15,000
Haiti	53,100	54,443	39,825	-	-
Mexico	67,450	57,122	50,590	60,000	45,000
Jamaica	5,700	5,525	4,275	-	-
Dominican Republic	52,150	37,331	39,115	54,000	40,500
India	101,700	87,822	76,275	58,000	43,500
Nepal	9,750	16,852	7,315	-	-
Philippines	85,700	60,719	64,275	92,000	69,000
Malawi	-		-	-	-
Bolivia	26,500	13,379	19,875	53,000	39,750
Ivory Coast	26,950	13,379	20,215	56,000	42,000
New Caledonia	21,850	11,038	16,390	50,000	37,500
Peru	7,150	3,679	5,385	14,000	10,500
Total Worldwide Mission	879,000	630,686	659,250	998,000	748,500
Retirement Responsibility	200,000	137,921	150,000	200,000	150,000
Transfer to Bridge of Hope				24,000	18,000
Interfund Transfers		83,384	-		-
TOTAL EXPENSE	1,458,000	1,107,005	1,093,500	1,614,000	1,210,500
NET INCOME	\$ -	\$ 208,267	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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Canada West Mission Centre
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Gary W. Dodson
Internal Audit
July 10, 2019

CANADA WEST MISSION CENTRE
Statement of Activities
For the year ended December 31, 2017

Income			
Congregational Support		\$ 144,163.32	
Contributions		21,831.97	
Earnings on Investments		<u>26,754.21</u>	\$ 192,749.50
Expense			
Programs			
Staff Minister's Expenses	\$ 173,227.21		
Pastoral	<u>1,200.00</u>	174,427.21	
Administration			
Internet	1,266.60		
Insurance	1,316.28		
Bank Charges	326.80		
Office Supplies	<u>400.77</u>	3,310.45	
Facilities			
Office Rent		<u>11,193.42</u>	<u>188,931.08</u>
Net Income			3,818.42
Operating Fund Balance January 1			581,358.96
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CANADA WEST MISSION CENTRE
Reserves
For the year ended December 31, 2017

	Balance Jan. 1, 2017	Received	Expended	Balance Dec. 31, 2017
Mission Initiatives	\$ 399,161.74	\$ 3,830.00	\$ 225,754.01	\$ 177,237.73
Youth Ministries	108,754.46	7,675.25	1,588.17	114,841.54
Evangelism Ministry	71,908.63	1,100.00	1,447.80	71,560.83
Missional Ministries	22,811.92	16,133.50	-	38,945.42
Saskatchewan Area Fund	54,057.39	-	-	54,057.39
Total Reserves	\$ 656,694.14	\$ 28,738.75	\$ 228,789.98	\$ 456,642.91

CANADA WEST MISSION CENTRE
Acitivities
For the year ended December 31, 2017

Mission Conference	\$ -	\$ 7,999.70	\$ 4,453.06	\$ 3,546.64
Canada West Mission Events	-	1,500.00	-	1,500.00
Young Adult Ministry	-	10.00	2,484.53	(2,474.53)
Men's Ministries	-	3,006.02	-	3,006.02
Women's Ministries	-	2,615.00	3,678.40	(1,063.40)
Family Camp - HOP	-	26,458.19	5,857.85	20,600.34
Spiritual Camp - HOP	-	5,241.35	600.97	4,640.38
Young Family Camp - HOP	-	220.00	-	220.00
Family Camp - Samish	-	30,825.05	43,739.24	(12,914.19)
Spiritual Camp - Samish	-	3,392.05	3,618.07	(226.02)
Fine Arts - Samish	-	241.25	-	241.25
Other - Samish	-	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
Transfer from Operating Unrestricted	-	-	20,076.49	(20,076.49)
	-	84,508.61	84,508.61	-
Spectacular	-	7,285.53	6,001.29	1,284.24
Junior Camp - HOP	-	3,282.25	1,758.65	1,523.60
Senior High Camp - HOP	-	3,300.94	2,694.43	606.51
Junior - Samish	-	275.00	-	275.00
Junior High Camp - Samish	-	1,080.00	-	1,080.00
Transfer to Youth Ministries	-	-	4,769.35	(4,769.35)
	-	15,223.72	15,223.72	-
Total Activities	\$ -	\$ 99,732.33	\$ 99,732.33	\$ -

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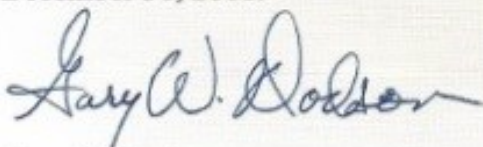
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Internal Audit
July 30, 2019

CANADA WEST MISSION CENTRE
Statement of Financial Position
As at December 31, 2018 and 2017

	<u>2018</u>		<u>2017</u>	
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash and Investments				
CIBC	\$ 152,312.67		\$ 130,097.01	
Wood Gundy	273,242.71		270,550.77	
CI Investments	150,405.27	\$ 575,960.65	724,185.17	\$ 1,124,832.95
Accounts Receivable				
General	50.00		50.00	
GST Refund	13,560.47	13,610.47	11,780.97	11,830.97
Fixed Assets				
Vehicles	22,925.02		42,202.35	
Accumulated Depreciation	(15,700.03)	7,224.99	(22,681.44)	19,520.91
		\$ 596,796.11		\$ 1,156,184.83
<u>Liabilities and Net Worth</u>				
Accounts Payable				
Samish Island	\$ 48,784.01		\$ 41,771.14	
Hills of Peace	9,620.75		7,005.00	
World Church	44,946.69		39,127.51	
Guelph	1,869.73		6,192.20	
Other	192.20	\$ 105,413.38	192.20	\$ 94,288.05
Net Assets				
Operating Fund	290,315.38		605,253.87	
Reserves and Activity Funds	201,067.35	\$ 491,382.73	456,642.91	\$ 1,061,896.78
		\$ 596,796.11		\$ 1,156,184.83

Notes

CANADA WEST MISSION CENTRE
Statement of Activities
For the year ended December 31, 2018

Income			
Congregational Support		\$ 121,455.74	
Contributions		24,159.96	
Earnings on Investments		<u>(13,587.96)</u>	\$ 132,027.74
Expense			
Programs			
Staff Minister's Expenses	\$ 153,329.95		
Pastoral	<u>3,570.00</u>	156,899.95	
Administration			
Internet	989.47		
Insurance	1,754.75		
Bank Charges	302.16		
Other	155.36		
Contract Services	<u>606.35</u>	3,808.09	
Facilities			
Office Rent		<u>11,784.15</u>	<u>172,492.19</u>
Net Income			(40,464.45)
Operating Fund Balance January 1			605,253.87
Bridges of Hope/World Ministries Tithes			(235,000.00)
Transfer of Activity Balances			<u>(39,474.04)</u>
Operating Fund Balance December 31			<u><u>\$ 290,315.38</u></u>

Notes

CANADA WEST MISSION CENTRE
Reserves
For the year ended December 31, 2018

	Balance Jan. 1, 2018	Received	Expended	Balance Dec. 31, 2018
Mission Initiatives	\$ 177,237.73	\$ 16,901.00	\$ 219,968.62	\$ (25,829.89)
Youth Ministries	114,841.54	2,582.75	56,498.22	60,926.07
Evangelism Ministry	71,560.83	-	371.97	71,188.86
Missional Ministries	38,945.42	1,779.50	-	40,724.92
Saskatchewan Area Fund	54,057.39	-	-	54,057.39
Total Reserves	\$ 456,642.91	\$ 21,263.25	\$ 276,838.81	\$ 201,067.35

CANADA WEST MISSION CENTRE
Activities
For the year ended December 31, 2018

Mission Conference	\$ -	\$ 7,388.13	\$ 1,869.42	\$ 5,518.71
Young Adult Ministry	-	139.93	-	139.93
Men's Ministries	-	3,215.98	6,242.41	(3,026.43)
Women's Ministries	-	1,381.50	1,632.23	(250.73)
Adult Reunion - HOP	-	-	2,865.00	(2,865.00)
Family Camp - HOP	-	22,021.75	51,412.65	(29,390.90)
Spiritual Retreats - HOP	-	337.75	5,132.50	(4,794.75)
Family Camp - Samish	-	38,919.71	39,108.68	(188.97)
Spiritual Camp - Samish	-	10,458.13	10,293.56	164.57
Fine Arts - Samish	-	1,980.00	1,691.76	288.24
Other - Samish	-	-	5,068.71	(5,068.71)
Transfer from Operating Unrestricted	-	39,474.04	-	39,474.04
	-	125,316.92	125,316.92	-
Spectacular	-	6,511.27	19,842.55	(13,331.28)
Junior Camp - HOP	-	2,954.75	17,714.75	(14,760.00)
Senior High Camp - HOP	-	2,760.00	26,221.56	(23,461.56)
Junior - Samish	-	1,780.00	-	1,780.00
Senior High Camp - Samish	-	-	2,579.90	(2,579.90)
Transfer from Youth Ministries	-	52,352.74	-	52,352.74
	-	66,358.76	66,358.76	-
Total Activities	\$ -	\$ 191,675.68	\$ 191,675.68	\$ -

Canada West Mission Centre President

Report from the Mission Centre President To the 2019 Canada West Mission Centre Conference

The highlights and accomplishments in the Canada West Mission Centre of the past year are primarily the responsibility of the staff and the volunteers who actually do most of the hands-on work. Elsewhere in this program you will read about youth camps and retreats, reunions and family camps, audits and budgets, and probably meetups, websites and Facebook pages. I will concentrate this report on congregations.

As has become my custom, I have tried to visit each congregation at least once through the year. In the past twelve months I missed getting to Prince Albert and Winnipeg. I had a visit to Winnipeg planned in February, then had a family situation come up that prevented me from going. Dar Shepherdson was planning to go with me. He went anyway and I understand the visit went well. I will be trying to get to both Prince Albert and Winnipeg this fall.

I have begun work with Saskatoon on a mission discernment process. Discussions about a similar process have started with Lethbridge and Meadow Ridge but circumstances have prevented any substantive progress just yet. Please talk to me if your congregation might be interested in working out its mission priorities.

Saskatoon also held a very successful congregational priesthood retreat last fall (with others invited) with David Lloyd providing the guest ministry. If you ever have the chance to hear David talk about the sacraments, take advantage of the opportunity. He does an excellent and well-researched presentation.

As mentioned at the end of the e-Conference in February, the Porcupine Plain congregation has discontinued operation. The property has been for sale since June, but there have been no offers yet. Sam and I continue working with the pastor on winding down the financial accounts of the congregation.

Circumstances allowed me to make two visits to the BC congregations – one in October following the Samish Campground Board meeting, and one in January along with Art Smith following his being the guest ministry at the “Not-a-Men’s Retreat.” Which brings up the effort to establish a BC Men’s Retreat that did not work out. We tried. And we learned a few things. Primarily we learned that renting a facility in the Meadow Ridge area made the registration cost just too expensive. Secondly, we learned that mostly everybody (not the men by themselves) just likes to get together given the opportunity. When the Men’s Retreat was cancelled, we converted it to a day-program at Chilliwack and ended up with over thirty people attending – from all four congregations! – on less than a week’s notice. We will see what we can do about a similar event in the future.

We thank Edmonton for hosting this year’s conference. If you look outside you will see that they have been dealing with a large municipal infrastructure project: construction of a Light Rail Transit line. They recently concluded, through their lawyers, successful negotiations with the City of Edmonton overcompensation for expropriation of a piece of the property needed for the construction.

I wish to acknowledge all of the staff of the Canada West Mission Centre (Debra Donohue, Lisa Neudorf, Parker Johnson, and Sam Smalldon) for the wonderful work that they do on your behalf. I wish to particularly acknowledge Sam’s contribution in coming on as Mission Centre Financial Officer in a volunteer capacity. You will see the most visible benefit of his work in the two audits for 2017 and 2018 in this meeting’s agenda package. This brings us up to date on audits for the first time since September 2014.

After the staff there are the volunteers who make so much happen as well. Reports from some of them appear in this booklet. I will miss people if I try to name them – from mission centre appointees to camp directors and staff to congregational leaders. All of you make our programs and systems work. Thank you!

Grace and Peace,
Stephen Thompson
Mission Centre President



Creating Connection and Communications

Creating Something Unexpected

If nothing else were to come out of my time with Creating Connection, it would be enough for me to know I have met so many interesting, compassionate and kind people who I never would have met otherwise. The biggest surprise to me though, was completely unexpected.



As most of you know, in October of 2018, my position with the Canada West Mission centre as Congregational Outreach Specialist ended and I began a new position as the Creating Connection Director for British Columbia. I spend 70% of my time on my Creating Connection projects.

This is part of a pilot project in Canada where we reach out to the public using a social media site called meetup. We create mindful, meaningful, spiritual activities and experiences for the public, outside of church, and with no agenda to get them to church. My role as Director is to help church members get their own meetups started while maintaining one of my own as well. The meetups are widely different, from Prayer Shawl Knitting to drum circles to conversations. The only real requirement is that your meetup be something you absolutely love, so it's never a chore for you to facilitate.

I currently facilitate two activities per week with Creating Connection. I'm sure you've heard about Coffee and Conversation which takes place on Thursdays from 10:30 to noon. Although some attendees may check us out once or twice, some come out regularly and we develop great relationships. Coffee and Conversation works a lot like the 'Holy Listening' we do at church. I choose a topic, each person has time to speak to that topic without comments from the group, while the group practices listening. I can't tell you how many times people have shared that it is wonderful it is to talk without interruption and really feel they are being heard. The listening without interjecting can be a little more of a challenge for some, but we're not seeking perfection here, just practicing our skills. We have between two and nine people show up each week.

My second weekly group is called 'Walk on the Sunnyside' We look at the last 24 hours and find the silver lining or seek out the nuggets of good in our previous day. For some, it may not have been a great day and the challenge is to keep the conversation positive. We walk while we talk, at Confederation Park in Burnaby, which is a large, beautiful park with lots of great amenities, and it just happens to be the neighbourhood I grew up in as a child, right next door to my elementary school. We have between two and nine people show up for this group as well. Our conversations in this group move back and forth quickly in a happy, chattering fashion.

Now I know I said that we avoid focusing on church but here is an exception. The Chilliwack congregation has experimented with advertising their existing social activities on meetup.com. They have regulars outside of the church community attend Sunday night meditation, and prayer shawl knitting. We're continuing to think outside the box, and that can mean any number of things. I know of two more potential meetups that should be starting up in the next few months in BC, I'll be sure to let you know about them once they begin.

We also advertise some of our Community of Christ non-religious, yet spiritual activities on meetup. These are The Nurturing Spirit Retreat, Friends and Family Weekend, Weekend of World Religions, Nurturing Silence Retreat, and our Day of Nurturing Spirit events.

Now back to the unexpected part. As I disclose to the meetup attendees that the parent company I work for is Community of Christ, a church, and that at no time will I ever ask for donations or try to get people to come to church – all of a sudden people want to know about my church! I hear comments like “Wow this sounds like a really cool church, what is the name again?” “Tell me more about your church” “Really? Your church has hired you to plan nice things for us and not try to get us to go to church?” Sometimes these questions and comments will go on to the point where they become disruptive to the group and I have to stop the questions and offer to stay after our meetup is finished to talk more about Community of Christ. People are coming to church, to retreats and social functions. It’s like I have a secret, and everyone wants to know what it is.

So, what is this Creating Connection pilot project supposed to accomplish? The short answer is that we simply don’t know yet. It’s a pilot project that seems to be working really well. I’m very happy with the response from the public who want to attend our meetups, I’m over the moon happy with the questions about Community of Christ, and thrilled that people are coming out to church functions to check us out.

I invite you to join me at one of my meetups so you can have a better idea of what we do. Do you want to start up a meetup group? Let me know, and if you’re not in my area, I’ll put you in touch with someone who can help you in your area.

Communications and Administrative Assistant to Steve Thompson

The other 30% of my job consists of planning events like this one, Canada West Mission Centre Conference, which is a very large event. At this point we have our host congregation confirmed for 2020 and our guest ministry booked, Joey Williams, MCP for the British Isles, Western Europe and Eurasia. As Mission Conference Manager, planning takes place throughout the year, and it definitely builds as we get closer to the conference. There are a whole host of smaller tasks that I do in my communications role and as Steve Thompson’s administrative assistant. They range from daily to weekly to monthly, and some are only annual tasks.

The Weekly Wire, our weekly announcements and information email
Responding to emails and phone calls from you, our members, from the public and world church
Accessing information on Shelby our church membership site
Processing marriage licenses for clergy
Privacy Officer - here to help you with privacy questions
Providing information to pastors about Mission Centre activities and events, updates, and more
Requesting guest ministry through the proper channels
Registration point of contact for delegates at MC Conference and World Conference
Posting flyers and events to CWM social media
BC SPECTACULAR coordinator

There are many more small tasks that I only seem to remember once they come up, so if you need help and don’t know who to ask, you should probably ask me first. If I can’t help, I’ll direct you to the person who can.

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Church Mission and Young Adult Ministries

What follows is my 2018-2019 staff report for your review and questions. I have chosen to simply provide a bullet-point list of accomplishments along with details since we were last together at the 2018 Mission Conference. I'd like to take this moment to express my gratitude for your support, as nothing I do can be accomplished alone. The purpose of this summary is to share a progress report of my areas of focus.

While my position title has remained the same since being hired in 2016 (*Church Mission & Young Adult Ministry Specialist*), my function has shifted over the years due to the changing needs of the church in Canada. My position is now a split role, with 30% of my time committed to Canadian (CWM/CEM) marketing efforts (predominantly project-based) and the other 70% committed to the Calgary Congregation's revitalization. While officially my position description does not include young adult ministry, this is still an area of deep importance for me. We are blessed in western Canada with incredibly committed young adults who continue to engage with our denomination in meaningful ways at camps, retreats, local youth and young adult activities, Sunday services, young adult support groups, local volunteerism, and more. I continue to work alongside these inspiring young people to provide support and pastoral care when needed.

Canadian Marketing (30%)

Canada West/East Social Media Account Management

Details: Collaborating with CEM counterparts to manage, schedule, and develop content for CEM and CWM social media accounts.

Key Tasks: Content Development, Social Media Monitoring, Marketing Strategy

Canada West Instagram Account Launch (November 2018)

Details: In order to better meet the needs of our members and seekers, it was important to launch an Instagram account to connect with those of a younger demographic. (*Statistically, younger people are not on Facebook.*) To commemorate the launch of this account, I coordinated a Young Adult "Instagram Takeover" (*temporarily taking over another person/organization's account in order to share fresh, more personal content with their audience*) to highlight the geographic diversity across CWM. Young Adults from Winnipeg to Vancouver worked collaboratively to post meaningful content showing us a window into life in their areas. We gained over 100 followers in just a few short days, raised a lot of awareness about our mission centre, and learned a great deal about our young people in the process. Check out our account @cofchristcwm to see these saved Instagram Stories and posts to our feed.

Key Tasks: Proposal, Concept/Design, Content Development, Volunteer Management, Marketing Strategy

Congregational Website Development (January 2019)

Details: A program committed to supporting local congregations in developing their own website presence. Face-to-face training is provided to ensure websites can be confidently managed locally. Trainees attend a three-day workshop with websites fully launched (*and celebrated!*) by the final day. At this time, only one workshop has taken place in CWM (*Vancouver*). Ask about hosting a workshop in your area!

Key Tasks: Proposal, Concept/Design, Content/Template Development, Marketing Strategy

REGGIE Launch (April 2019)

Details: Development of an online event registration platform to better meet the needs of the mission centre while simultaneously centralizing event management data to increase efficiencies for event staff/planners.

Key Tasks: Proposal, Bid Process, Brand Identity, Marketing Strategy

Canadian Website Launch (April 2019)

Details: Development of a new cross-mission centre (CWM/CEM) website to better meet the needs of a changing church. A platform was selected to ensure multiple content creators could be trained around the country to own and manage their own sections of the website. This improves efficiencies and ensures the website is always up to date. The site structure was overhauled to better meet the needs of seekers and members. While the site launched in April 2019, ongoing maintenance of the website continues.

Key Tasks: Proposal, Bid Process, Concept/Design, Project Management, Change Management, Content Development, Marketing Strategy

Calgary Congregation (70%)

Building Transition

Details: The Calgary Congregation sold its Ranchlands facility in August 2016. Since then, we have actively worked to discern spiritual direction, needs, wants, and the financial feasibility of relocating to a new space. In the meantime, we have met in a temporary lease space that has allowed us to focus our attention on relationships, quality programming and worship experiences, and the needs of our community without the added stress of facility management. Throughout this time, we have held steady at 25 for average Sunday morning attendance. In late 2018 we published the findings of our feasibility study after reviewing more than 35 potential sites and calculating various financial scenarios. From the findings of this study, we have been able to further clarify our needs and wants within the framework of a financially sustainable model. This is an ongoing project.

Key Tasks: Liaison between Professional Groups and the Congregation, Survey Development/Reporting/Analysis/Presentations, Facility Planning Team Chair, Site Visits, Project Management, Change Management, Research, Progress Tracking, Resource Development

Communications

Details: Using industry best practices, crafting a communication strategy to meet the needs of our community in order to provide measurable, sharable content via email marketing, social media, signage, and our website.

Key Tasks: Social Media Management, Website Management, Web Design, Content Creation, Graphic Design, Blogging, Marketing Strategy, Marketing Automation

Latter-day Seeker Ministry

Details: The Calgary Congregation seeks to support an environment of sharing, listening, and growth for members and friends of Latter-day Saint traditions. We seek to establish relationships with other members of this community in our area to celebrate our commonalities, learn about our distinctives, and share our personal stories. At present, we plan a minimum of four events each year with the possibility for ad hoc events between gatherings.

Key Tasks: Volunteer Management, Event Planning, Marketing Strategy, Budgeting, Proposals, Graphic Design, Content Development, Pastoral Care

Young Adult Ministry

Details: Working to establish and maintain relationships with young adult members and friends of Community of Christ. This includes casual meet-ups (dinners, coffee shops, hiking, float trips, game nights, etc.) as well as spiritual activities (camps and retreats).

Key Tasks: Volunteer Management, Event Planning, Budgeting, Communications, Networking, Pastoral Care

Congregational Revitalization

Details: Working alongside devoted members of the congregation, injecting new excitement surrounding programs, activities, and fellowship through special events, Sunday morning worship, youth activities, and the facility transition.

Key Tasks: Reports/Analysis/Presentations, Project Management, Change Management, Proposals, Technology Review/Improvements, Volunteer Management, Marketing Strategy, Communications, Home Visits, Pastoral Care

Community of Christ Seminary (*Graduated Dec. 15, 2018*)

Details: Community of Christ Seminary is a two-year Master of Arts in Religion program run through Graceland University. It is a hybrid program that is predominantly held online with four weeks spent on the ground in Independence at *Focus Sessions*. This rigorous program is meant to educate and prepare – through prayerful scholarship, teaching, service and mentoring – faithful, creative and discerning leaders for ministries in congregations, church and the world.

Key Tasks: Academic Research, Spiritual Practices, Reading and Writing Assignments, Presentations, Reports, etc.

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CWM Recorder Report

The first year of my tenure has been completed. While it has been a fast learning curve, I would like to thank all the hard working congregational recorders for their support and patience with me. Thanks to all of you, too, for making sure all those sacraments and events in the congregations have been accurately documented. Without the work of all of you, our Mission Centre would not be as well organized.

My goal for September is to get congregations a copy of each of their membership reports so the recorders can have until year end to make sure addresses, and other data is up to date. This will give me January to make all the corrections you send me, so charitable receipts will go to the right addresses when they are mailed out in the new year. If you haven't received your copy by end of September, please contact me by phone or email: lylak@sasktel.net or (306) 922-8056.

If anyone has questions about the accuracy of their personal information, etc. please feel free to contact me.

Have a great conference!

Sincerely,
Linda Klughart,
Canada West Mission Centre Recorder



Peace and Justice Report

CANADIAN PEACE / JUSTICE COMMITTEE June 2019 Report

The Committee was formed in April, 2007, primarily to support local congregations in our attempts to be “. . . dedicated to the pursuit of peace” and to “Share Christ’s Peace.” The committee was again hampered because: (a) the Chair was not able to give the committee adequate time; and (b) we feel we have hit the limit of available volunteer time for subcommittees.

I. ACTIONS THIS YEAR.

A. Continuing the Process of Developing Resources Related to First Nations Communities.

We have some key resources, thanks to the address by Barb Oldale at our 2017 Mission Conference, and also Tracy Smith. This is only a start – we would love help to: (a) allow congregations to explore the history and status of relations with First Nations, including the legacy of residential schools and the Truth and Reconciliation Report; (b) interact with our First Nations communities; (c) explore potential formal statements from the Canadian Field.

B. Create Social Media Resources.

We have created a Facebook Page and will continue to experiment with its possibilities. We will also start creating podcasts and webcasts, to expand our reach.

C. Maintained Our Current Projects and Our Peace / Justice Website.

While not an emphasis this year we have continued support for such endeavours as:

- a. **Maintaining Resources to Develop Healthy Relations with our Muslim Community:** This is centered on a hopeful, nonviolent strategy of trying to strengthen the reasonable voices within our own community, within the Muslim community and among society in general. It includes the opportunity for congregations to engage with their local Muslim community;
- b. **Buying Fair Trade** coffee where possible, which supports the “Abolish Poverty” initiative;
- c. **Expanding the church’s Canadian Peace / Justice website.** Still fairly skeletal. If you see an unfilled area where you would like to help - we would love to hear from you!

D. Phase II - Subcommittees.

In 2014 we transitioned to the 2nd phase – creating **subcommittees** - to raise up and provide resources for those Canadian-specific issues that call us via recent inspired counsel to courageously challenge and help transform societal trends that diminish God’s creation. Further topics include:

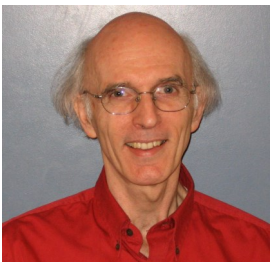
- **Mental Health & Eliminating Stigma**
- **Justice: Restorative not Punitive;**
- **Foreign Aid, no strings attached; etc;**
- **Inter-religious Relations;**
- **Human Trafficking close to your Church;**
- **Eco. Concerns: Water, GMOs, etc.**
- **Child Poverty; . . .Others?**

Note: We have recognized that this phase has stretched our ability to tap into the available volunteer capacity of our Field and thus each year we will focus simply on one or two topics.

Climate Change Subcommittee: This subcommittee has just been started. It will begin with the notion of Vision which must include ALL people, leaving no one behind, and yet also hold in tension the dire forecast of the UN’s IPCC panel if we do not react strongly.

II. NEXT YEAR And LONGER TERM.

We remain focused on implementing robust **subcommittees**, as listed above, **but we need help**. If you are interested in being part of this exciting endeavour, please contact one of the committee members.



In appreciation and support,
The Canadian Peace / Justice Committee
Rod Downing

Camping and Retreat Specialist

With the arrival of September comes the realization we are quickly nearing the end of our 2019 camping and retreat season. This year I was actively involved in Winter Retreat (Edmonton), Nurturing Spirit Retreat (Samish Island), Adult Reunion (Hills of Peace), Junior High / Senior High Camp (Hills of Peace), Hills of Peace Family Camp and Junior Camp (Hills of Peace). Hills of Peace Men's Retreat will be held at the end of September followed by BC Women's Retreat in Chilliwack. I am proud to be a part of these events and am pleased we are able to offer something for everyone.

Despite our successes, we still face challenges to secure enough staff to support our youth programming. Junior Camp is our most popular youth camp and, for the last two years, we have turned campers away due to inadequate staffing. As we and other faith communities struggle with low attendance at the congregational level, it is distressing to turn youth away. Participation in camp was an integral part of my youth and the youth who attend our camping programs are a key part of our future. For some, their only connection with Community of Christ is through camp.

I spend a lot of time "in my head" thinking about our camping programs and brainstorming ways to motivate adults to become involved. We are fortunate to have a small group of young adults and parents who year after year, make the commitment to be on staff at our youth camps. Some of our young adults take unpaid time off work because of their strong commitment to our programming. Despite this commitment, we cannot assume these volunteers will always be available and we need additional adults to ease the burden and fill the gap from year to year.

We have expanded our Leaders in Training (LIT) program to develop young leaders but we also need experienced leaders to mentor and assist our counsellors and LITs. This year we introduced the concept of "Wise Leaders". These were experienced staff who attended camp as support staff. They taught classes, lead activities, provided spiritual leadership, mentored and supported the counsellors during the day. This allowed the counsellors to simply focus their energy on the campers.

In December 2018, the directors for Winter Retreat and the three Hills of Peace youth camps gathered in Edmonton for a Directors Planning Retreat. The purpose was to begin planning 2019 camps and to discuss our vision for a sustainable future in our youth programming. Our day began with attendees sharing why they made a commitment to youth camps:

I want to give the kids the same experience at camp that I had, growing up to form the same bonds and life long friendships with the people you meet.

Camps made me who I am and created some of my closest relationships; it anchors my faith. I want the youth of today and tomorrow to have that same opportunity.

I have a deep desire to create a fun, bonding experience where our campers will create their own community, learn who God is and understand God loves them.

I like to see others grow and find themselves. I always had someone supporting me and cheering me on as I grew and I enjoy seeing the same in others.

Camp was a very formative experience for me as a child. I see the impact it had on me well into adulthood and I want that same thing for the next generation. I saw lots of adults gave of their time to create that space. Now it is my turn.

I implore upon you to reflect on your camp experiences and give serious consideration for your ability to become involved. Our programming is dependent upon volunteers and our youth need YOU. I invite you to put aside assumptions about your abilities and what we may or may not need. I will brainstorm with you to determine how your gifts can both benefit our youth and meet your personal needs.

I hope you will give our needs prayerful consideration and invite you to contact me with your ideas or willingness to say YES.

Lisa Neudorf
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CWM Historian Report

The CWM gives tribute to the Armistice of W. W. 1 (1914 – 1918) 100th Anniversary (11th Mo./11th Day/11th Hr.) honouring the men and women of Canada that gave the ultimate price of freedom for this Nation of Canada and the World. The Battle of Amiens (Northern France) were the faithful troops from Australia, Canada, and New Zealand who initiated and gave foreclosures of the war. The CWM gives honour and tribute to all men and women of all “Nations” who participated, and/or volunteered, with faith and hope to finalize a war stated as “A WAR TO END ALL WARS.”

Apostle Art Smith (Apostle to Canada, Mexico/Texas, and Haiti Field) gives tribute to all the brothers and sisters in Christ through the various countries, cities, towns and congregations over the course of 2018. The ministry that he extended to designated nations for 2018 was inspirational, all benefiting from his generosity of spirit, humbly sharing the servanthood of Jesus with all the brothers and sisters of the Community of Christ congregations. The recent World Conference has confirmed his continuing ministry in this field for the next three years.

Apostle Art Smith announced to the CWM Centre the appointment by the First Presidency and Presiding Bishopric of Samuel Smalldon to serve in a volunteer capacity as mission centre financial officer for the CWM Centre. The CWM Centre sustained Samuel in this role at the Electronic Mission Conference (February 2019). Great appreciation was extended to Samuel for his willingness to serve.

Apostle Art Smith confirmed the continued appointment of Steve Thompson by the First Presidency to serve as mission centre president. Art Smith gave appreciation to Steve for his service in the dual roles of mission centre president and mission centre financial officer since 1st July 2014.

The CWM Centre gives honoured tribute to Sandy Woynarski (Former CWM Recorder). Sandy passed away in January of 2018, and our condolences to Stan (husband) and the family. Sandy is the only Recorder that the CWM has ever had, servicing in this essential role since it was formed in 2004. The CWM extends sincere appreciation to Sandy’s husband (Stan) for her dedicated service as “Recorder”, and his assistance. Sandy was also the first CWM Historian. Sandy phoned me in 2010, recommended by D. Belrose (CWM President), to fulfill this position 1st September 2010. The CWM Centre extends gratitude to Stan for Sandy’s faithful service as “Historian” for the years 2004 to 2010.

The CWM announces Linda Klughart, Prince Albert Community of Christ, as the appointed “Recorder” (this is in compliance of a request upon the passing of the present (former) CWM Recorder Sandy Woynarski). Linda has served her Saviour and Lord as Pastor and Co-Pastor of the Prince Albert congregation for numerous years, and has further education in lieu of computer, software, and data management.

The CWM Conference was hosted this year by the Regina, Saskatchewan, congregation. The theme was “Peace is Possible”. The guest ministry: President of Community of Christ, Stephen Veazey; Art Smith; Stephen Thompson; Rod Downing; Dar Shepherdson and Ken Barrows; John Hamer and Parker Johnson.

The CWM Campgrounds (HOP/Samish Is.) both shared oneness in Christ and at the same time a highly personal testimony of the presence of God’s Spirit in the reunions, and retreats for all generations.

May the God of Peace to which we are called to one body control our hearts, and let us all be diligently committed in the servanthood to Christ.

In Christ’s Love, Peace, and Hope
Anita R. Bates CWM Centre, Historian



Samish Island Campground Report

Samish Island Campground and Retreat Center continues to serve well for all who visit the grounds. The place continues to look and operate fantastic thanks to our great caretaker teams. We've had pretty good responses for help for the kitchen work day in February and for the work week at the end of April. 2018 year ended in the black, but just barely due to some event cancellations and some unexpected emergency repairs.

I hope you noticed that I referred to the place as Samish Island Campground and Retreat Center instead of just Samish Island Campground. The board recommended and the three mission centers approved of the name change for social medial and marketing purposes only. The official name has not and will not change, but you will and have seen the new name on the shirts, jackets, sweatshirts, mugs that we have been selling and on the web site at campsamish.org.

The campgrounds continue to be a busy place. By the end of August there will have been 24 events so far this year with around 9 more to happen by the end of October when we shut down for the year. Of those 24 events, 11 have been Community of Christ and 13 are Non-Profit groups. The remaining events are mostly Non-Profit. The Budget for 2019 is around \$313K which is about \$8k less than last year. And at the end of last year we were only able to transfer a little over \$3K from operations to development. I hope this year will be better.

Since the last report, several things have happened around the grounds. The south side siding of the CFC was replaced with hardy board and painted. Eric Meinke of Cross Creek Construction did a fantastic job and will be back in September to clean an paint the rest of the building. Over 3K board feet of cedar lumber was harvested from fallen and dying cedar trees at the end of last year. And part of the lumber was used to put a ceiling in the Gazebo during work week along with new wiring and some recessed LED lights. This should keep the birds out and makes a very nice place for visiting, meditation, or what have you.

Also during work week three of the rustic cabins were remodeled making a total of four. Cabins A1, C1, and D1 received new electrical panels, insulation in the ceiling, wall board all around, nice paint, new windows and doors, and nice new bunk beds with nice mattresses. And although many hands were there to help with the work, I have to really thank Dick Custer for his assistance. Now retired, Dick used to work installing wallboard and doing the mudding and taping. He worked extra hours every day and stayed one day longer to get things with the wallboard finished right.

Unfortunately, one of our caretaker teams is moving on to another job. John has accepted the position of Inland West Mission Center President. He and Sandi will be greatly missed and will be a very hard act to follow. Their ministry has been so great in many areas. Now the campground board is looking for another to replace them.

There's always work that needs to be done so if you have some spare time feel free to offer some assistance. It will be greatly appreciated. But make sure you find some time to come to the campgrounds for a retreat and enjoy the rest and spiritual uplifting that so many continue to find.

Jim Fish
President, Samish Island Campground Association

Hills of Peace Campground Report

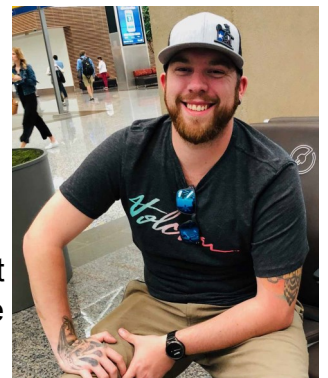
With another summer just about over and winter fast approaching, we say farewell to another great camping season at Hills of Peace. Our three main summer camps, (Youth Camp, Family Camp, and Junior Camp) were a huge success again this year, and we hope to continue to grow those numbers over the next coming years. The constant feedback from all ages at these camps ensures that we can continue growing and exceeding expectations for years to come. Men’s Retreat is the last and final camp of our season and we are quite looking forward to it.

As usual, we have to extend a huge thank you to our Campground Manager; Courtney Znak, (who is also our appointed lifeguard!) as she continues to maintain these beautiful grounds and keeps everything running in tip top shape. She is very adamant at checking up on our grounds throughout the winter, even when road access because almost impossible.

We are very excited to begin construction of our new Classroom building, which will take place of the old “Craft Shack”. Mike Mitchell is our Project Manager for this and is currently working on sourcing the materials and sending out the bid for a company. This new facility will be a huge upgrade to the existing structure. With the addition of water lines and toilet facilities, brand new windows, new interior walls, and new siding on the exterior, we are sure this will be a much needed amenity for our camp.

Once again, without the help of all of our Camp Directors, Support Staff, Cooks, Caretaker, and other volunteers, we would not be able to make any of this possible. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do to make this sacred place a home for our community.

Jesse Levitt – President
Hills of Peace Campground Committee



Be respectful of tradition. Do not fail to listen attentively to the telling of the sacred story, for the story of scripture and of faith empowers and illuminates.

(D&C, Section 161:5)

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2019/20 Camping and Event Calendar

Fall 2019

- Sept 27-29 Men's Retreat Hills of Peace
Oct 4-6 Women's Retreat Chilliwack
Oct 27-29 Nurturing Silence Retreat Samish Island

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- Feb 14-17 CWM Winter Youth Retreat (location to be confirmed)

- Feb 28-Mar 1 Nurturing Spirit Retreat Samish Island
March Women's Retreat Prairies (location and date tbc)

- April 24-26 Action for Global Justice Weekend Samish Island
April 28-May 4 Samish Island Work Week

- May 31-Jun 2 Friends and Family Weekend Samish Island
May 15-18 Jan Kraybill Music Weekend - Vancouver

- June 12-16 Adult Reunion Hills of Peace
June 6-11 Adult Reunion Samish Island
Jun 28-Jul 3 Jr. and Sr. High Camp Hills of Peace

- July 4-9 Family Camp Hills of Peace
July 11-15 Junior Camp Hills of Peace
July 18-25 Spectacular Graceland University
July 19-25 Junior High Camp (12-14 yrs) Samish Island
July 25-Aug 1 Family Reunion Samish Island

- August 2-8 Camp Kimtah (15-18 yrs) Samish Island
August 9-13 Junior Camp (8-11 yrs) Samish Island
Aug 16-21 Singles Reunion Samish Island

- Aug 30-Sept 1 Canada West Mission Conference Chilliwack
Joey Williams Music Extravaganza - Vancouver

- Sept 13-15 Weekend of World Religions Vancouver
Sept 25-27 Men's Retreat Hills of Peace

- Oct BC Women's Retreat (tbc)
Oct 25-27 Nurturing Silence Retreat Samish Island

- Nov 1-3 Young Adult Retreat Elkwater, Cyprus Hills AB

Dates are subject to change. Please register early to ensure your event goes ahead as planned.



**Above: Young Adult Retreat Elkwater, AB Nov 1-3
Right: Weekend of World Religions BC Sept 13-15**

Weekend of World Religions

Our meeting space: 7953 120th St, Delta BC V4C 6P6

September 13-15, 2019



This year we will explore Rastafari on Friday night, and visit a Sikh temple, and a mosque on Saturday. Sunday's schedule will include visit to an Evangelical church and Zoroastrian. Join us as we learn more about other people in our communities. The weekend will include class sessions before each visit, bus to and from the temples, snacks, as well as lunch on Saturday and Sunday.

\$100 per person for the whole weekend or Day Rates:

Friday 7-9:30 Rastafari: Learn about this new religion that emerged from the cauldron of Black Power and Biblical messianism and which pronounces the arrival of a messiah from Africa.

"If space is available you may attend Friday night by donation"

Saturday or Sunday 9-5:30 class sessions, meals and tours \$60 each day



At each location, we will be taken on a guided tour with an opportunity to talk with the guides - both to ask your questions, and hear their stories.

There will also be opportunities to share food and to observe ritual. You will see whole new traditions in a way that brings them to life.



*locations subject to change

To register email debra@creatingconnection.ca
Payments can be e-transferred to sam@communityofchrist.ca be sure to state Weekend of World Religions with your payment

To find our more about Encounter World Religions call 519-822-0099 or go to the website www.worldreligions.ca



Men's Retreat Hills of Peace, AB Sept 25-27



*"Not a page-turner, it is a page lingerer. I wrote out a highlighter marking passages I want to read again."
-The Dallas Morning News*

A Geography of Faith

An Altar in the World

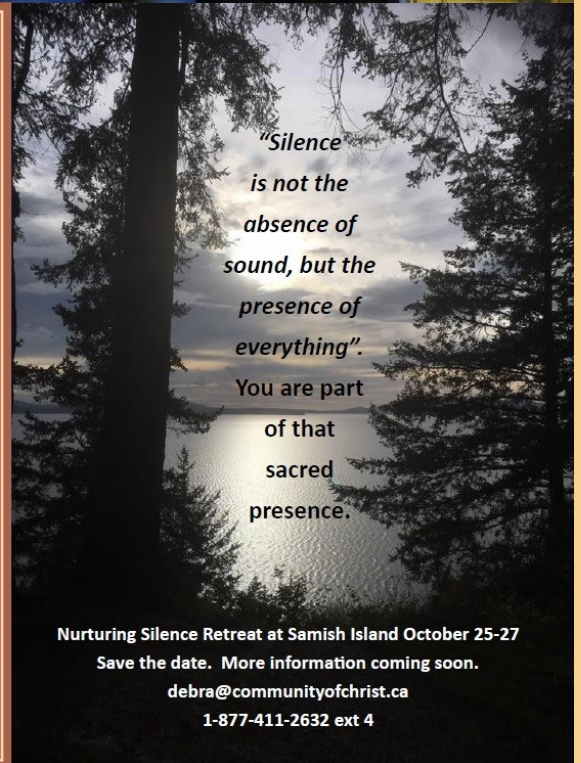


Read by the Author
BARBARA BROWN TAYLOR
Author of *Leaving Church*

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**Left:
Women's Retreat Chilliwack, BC Oct 4-6**

**Right:
Nurturing Silence Retreat Samish Island, Wa Oct 25-27**



"Silence is not the absence of sound, but the presence of everything".

You are part of that sacred presence.

Nurturing Silence Retreat at Samish Island October 25-27

Save the date. More information coming soon.

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2019 Canada West Mission Conference, Edmonton



Thank you Edmonton! We appreciate all you've done to make Canada West Mission Conference 2019 a success!

**Join us for our E-Conference
Saturday February 1, 2020 and in
Chilliwack, BC, September 4-6, 2020**

